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# The Apotheosis of Editha

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## A Story in Seven Chapters By Susie Bouchelle Wight

### CHAPTER I.

"Editha!"  
"Yes, Aunt Sally?" The girl looked up from her book, to the grim face opposite her, and from eye to eye flashed a recognition of impending strife. Editha rose from her chair, to give the crackling fire of oak logs a vigorous poke. It is always an opportune thing to do, when there is an awkward pause to be filled in, and Editha was fain to postpone her day of judgment.

"Editha, I simply wish to ask you, if you remember that you are a Van Brunt, and if you recall who the Van Brunts are?"

"Why, to be sure Aunt Sally. I remember the genealogy almost verbatim. Shall I repeat it for you? Robert, son of Thomas, son of—"

"I would much prefer that you should bear in mind the characteristics of the family, than the names alone. You seem to have quite forgotten that the Van Brunts have ever held themselves aloof from vulgar associations."

An angry flush overspread Editha's face, and she sat quickly down in the chair she had left, for somehow, she felt at a little disadvantage standing.

"Now, Aunt Sally, whatever you may mean to insinuate, one thing is certain—I am not guilty of any vulgar associations."

"Ah?" The monosyllable, and the look which accompanied it were harassing.

"No!" Editha's eyes did not waver under Miss Sally's accusing scrutiny, although the red in her cheeks deepened.

"Perhaps then, my eyes deceived me yesterday when I was walking through Willow Glade. You seemed to be very much engrossed, so I know you did not see me—"

"Excuse me, Aunt Sally, but I did see you, and because I am just as much Van Brunt as you are, I did not choose to make any undignified attempt to conceal my position!"

"It was certainly a most undignified position!" Miss Sally exclaimed, glowering.

"I think not," said the girl steadily, "and now if you will listen quietly, I will tell you what you would soon have to know anyway."

Miss Sally gazed at her in surprise at the decided tones.

"I have promised to marry George Collier, just as soon as he gets his appointment as railroad surgeon, and it is almost certain that he will get it very soon. He will then be in a position to take good care—"

"Goodness! Editha Van Brunt what are you thinking about? Don't you know that George Collier's father was your grandfather Lancaster's overseer, and child, his mother smokes a pipe! Miss Sally's unassumed distress gave her small adversary a moment's advantage, and throwing back her head, Editha laughed aloud.

"Oh, Aunt Sally, is that the trouble? Well, George will never be anybody's overseer, and as for smoking a pipe—if he were ever to do such a thing, why—I'd never kiss him again as you saw me do yesterday, in Willow Glade!"

"Oh, the shameless girl!" Miss Sally wailed, "I thought it was only some silly young folks carrying-ons, and now she says she is going to marry him!"

"Why Aunt Sally! You improper person!" Editha was keeping precarious hold on her momentary advantage. "I thought you had such correct ideas, and yet

you would actually prefer that I had allowed George to kiss me lightly, than as his promised wife. I am astonished at you! That would have been indeed an undignified state of affairs."

"Promise or no promise young lady," said Miss Sally, coming back to herself, "you will not marry him, nor any one else of his stripe. I would rather the family died out at once, while there are only you and I left, than that a strain of unworthy blood should mingle with ours. So far as I have heard, no one of us has ever made an unsuitable marriage, and you are not to begin. You may depend upon that!"

Editha sat silently gazing into the fire. She had attempted to treat the matter trivially but she was well aware that it was a serious thing to undertake to thwart Miss Sally. She was in her way as proud as her aunt, and yet she had too distinct a memory of the years stretching behind her—her own lonely childhood, and Miss Sally's solitary life, to quite accept the dictum laid down to her.

"Aunt Sally," she said at length, "you have never told me why you did not marry. Was it something like this?"

"You might call it so. Penniton is an out-of-the-way place, and I have seldom been away from it, since money has not been plentiful with the Van Brunts, for this long time. Of course I had some offers, but such men as I might have thought of, did not seek me, and as for those who did—why they were not fit to wipe a Van Brunt's shoes on!"

Editha was listening intently, and she straightened herself in her high-backed chair, as she replied, "George may or may not be fit, but nobody will ever have any sort of a chance to wipe their shoes on him." She surveyed the tips of her own slender slippers as she lifted them to the brass fender. "He has as much pride as we have—more, for that matter, and Aunt Sally, we'd as well understand each other right now. I have no mind to live as you have, a narrow lonely life, out of respect to a social distinction which no body ever thinks of except yourself, and when George gets that appointment, I mean to keep my promise to him!"

Miss Sally gave no heed to this brave speech. She had always dealt thus with Editha's mutinous outbreaks, for she had learned that her niece could parry words better than she could meet silence.

The girl half angry, half amused, at once recognized that Miss Sally had withdrawn into her citadel of silence.

"I am expecting George now, to take me for a walk," she said, with a glance at the clock on the mantel. "I will not be gone very long." With a little defiance in her uptilted chin, she left the room.

The late September air was crisp and cool, and Editha slipped from her soft house gown, into a close fitting grey dress, and wrapped about her head a scarlet scarf, its fringe falling over her short brown curls, and making an irregular frame about her face. It was a bewitching sort of a face, not high bred as the face of a Van Brunt should be, by rights, but full of sparkle and sweetness, and when she laughed, there was something almost irresistible about the red mouth, and its narrow arch of even white teeth.

She called her dog, who lay snoozing on a rug in the hall, and with him at her heels, walked swiftly down the front walk with its venerable box borders, to the gate.

He was waiting there—a large strong-looking young

fellow, with a light of splendid enthusiasm shining in his eyes, and making him almost handsome. He was to be a self-made man, and the process was already well underway. By his own unaided industry and economy, he had carried himself through college, and had graduated in medicine. He had almost positive assurance of the appointment as railway surgeon at Penniton, and this with his already thriving private practice, he felt would warrant him in setting up Lares and Penates of his own. The sweetest drop in his cup of success was Editha; that charming proud little Editha who seemed so entirely his own. If other people saw in him a trifle of over-confidence, and a wee bit of youthful conceit, Editha, if she observed these qualities, did not object. She admired his splendid pluck, and she had not yet been out in the world to compare him with men to whom success and position came as by birthright.

"Well sweetheart," he said as she joined him, "you are like the red, red rose this afternoon. What is it?"

"Only a little tiff with Aunt Sally. She saw me bidding you good-bye yesterday," and the roses grew redder still.

"Why Editha!" he exclaimed, "I did not know it!"

"I did though. Your back was turned." They were walking slowly down the road, but at this he stopped shortly.

"That settles it then, Editha. We have no right to keep our dear secret longer to ourselves, and you must come right back with me. I am going to tell Miss Van Brunt."

Editha had not paused in her strolling walk, and turning back, she said to him archly, "You need not trouble. I've already told her. Would you like to hear her observations on the subject?"

"I will have to hear them, whether I like to or not, so if you care to, you may as well tell me." He walked on by her side, and Editha told him briefly of her aunt's opposition, and her declaration that they should never marry, discreetly omitting the references to the overseer business, the pipe, and his own disqualifications as a door mat. After a little pause they looked into each other's eyes and laughed. Miss Sally was only an old woman who had forgotten what love was like, if she had ever known, and they were so young—and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.

### CHAPTER II.

Miss Sally was genuinely troubled. She had before this chosen to ignore Editha's evident relish for George Collier's society, as merely a bit of girlish trifling, and it had never occurred to her to fear any serious consequences. The girl's manner had been too positive, however, in speaking of it, to leave any room for doubt that she fully intended to be true to her promise, and the lady lay awake all night trying to puzzle out a way to prevent the hateful marriage. She had often dreamed of sweet voices, and dimpled faces in the old home—Editha's children come home on a visit,—and with them she had fancied a father that was everything that wealth and gentle breeding could make a man; but she could not bear to contemplate any aggregation of excellent qualities without these two indispensable. In the long lonely years, Miss Sally had grown small with the utter littleness of

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# An Unexpected Thanksgiving

By O. T. HANEY

**M**ISS Merryweather went to bed Thanksgiving evening in a graceless frame of mind. "You may go, Robbins," she said to her faithful maid, "and you and Harriet (the waitress) may all go to that party at James' (the gardener). I shall not need any of you."

"I hate to leave you alone, Miss Elinor," said Robbins. "They do say there's burglars in town, ma'am!" "Very well," responded Miss Merryweather with unshaken calm. "Be sure you lock the doors and windows securely. And you may as well see the galvanic battery works all right, and that the silver is in the safe. Good night; a pleasant time to you."

Robbins knew when her mistress used this tone that argument would be in vain, so with more than one glance backward in the hall she retired.

Miss Merryweather began to walk up and down the room. It was an attractive room with the soft ivory gleam of the paint, and the spangly, old-fashioned flowers on the creamy walls. The walls were thickly hung with water-color sketches and pen and ink and wash drawings, which gave one a sensation of familiarity.

One perceived also an old-fashioned air that came from the presence of certain chairs and tables luxuriantly carved in dull-hued oak or tinted in old marqueterie. In one corner of the room a cabinet showed all the dazzling hues of rare, old china, the sumptuous gilding of Satsuma, the delicate forms of old Sevres, the dainty fancies in Meissen, and the solid opulence of color and shape by the great English makers. A davenport in one corner, a lounge with many pillows in another, and a tea table with its shiny equipage hinted the room to be Miss Merryweather's own special sitting-room.

The eye of a newcomer instinctively turned to a heavy Italian chest, the lid adorned by two curiously wrought iron handles, the chest itself of age-stained oak, having divers vague and grizzly traditions connecting it with the treasure of a convent and the murder of faithful guardians by vandal robbers in the eighth English Henry's time.

The chest had become Miss Merryweather's safe, and contained a bona fide safe wherein was deposited the famous Merryweather plate: some descended from colonial Merryweathers, some presented by brother officers to the late General Merryweather. Also therein sparkled the jewels of Miss Merryweather, which would not have been despised in a large city and were regarded with awe in the town.

Miss Merryweather, though no longer young, was fond of magnificence in dress on proper occasions. In general, she wore simple costumes, always in black, which recognized but did not slavishly defer to fashion. But for high toilets she had satins and velvets and lace as ancient as her china.

In person she was tall and thin, but she had a man-tua maker that understood her business. When she was young and her hair was black, Miss Merryweather's Roman features might have seemed large, however finely chiseled. Now, framed in softest iron gray, they were commonly described as "so distinguished." She was of a fine carriage, a figure to notice on the streets; she had the habit of swaying her shapely hand from side to side as if addressing an invisible audience in inaudible words. She had a warm heart and a quick temper; and she had been known to arrest, with the aid of sympathetic bystanders, at least half a dozen oppressors of dumb brutes. She did not keep a single cat in the house. In pussy's place she petted a majestic St. Bernard, who sometimes accompanied her in lieu of a bodyguard.

She was greatly beloved by her townsmen, and those who knew her best loved her most strongly. She had, however, a will of her own. And she was one who kept her promise to her hurt. Thus, sometimes, an impetuous temper led her into imprudent declarations, out of which she could not always extricate herself without great exercise of her wits. Her latest dilemma engrossed her tonight. Having the plumbing in her dwelling repaired, in an unlucky moment she had a quarrel with the plumbers over a bill and the result was, that she sent away "every man swindler of them all," and was left with the water service of the house cut off and water hauled from the cisterns and a single faucet in the garden, while friends sniffed apprehensively whenever they entered the house, and her niece (who was as a daughter to her) did not dare to bring the baby to spend Thanksgiving, because the child might catch diphtheria through the deadly, leaking pipes.

"Stuff!" said Miss Merryweather, who used strong expressions sometimes, being by birth and breeding quite too great a lady to disturb herself about the minor conventions; "Stuff and nonsense! There are no leaks, but I am not going to argue with you, Helen; I shall get a plumber and have you come Thanksgiving."

Then, discerning a peculiar smile on the amiable features of Helen's husband, she added, gravely, "He will not belong to the union. If I have to wait to hire a union plumber, I shall wait until the pipes tumble to pieces!"

But the imported plumber who was to put the forces of organized labor to rout did not come, although he was offered as high wages as the erring and grasping union plumbers had refused.

Miss Merryweather was sure he had either been bought off or assassinated by the union; she paid no heed to the theory submissively tendered by Helen's husband, to wit, that, knowing the man's habits, he had cause to suspect he was simply celebrating Thanksgiving in an unholy manner on his own account.

"No, poor fellow," she murmured, "most likely he is lying dead in some alley way with all his ribs broken. They do such things." It was with a gloomy mind she beheld the night before Thanksgiving. "I never was so little thankful in my life," she murmured, "and I was so bent on having that plumbing done in time to have Helen and show that Vance that I am a match for the Plumbers' Union if I am a lone woman." Miss Merryweather was not used to be beaten; it galled; she had mailed letters to different plumbers asking for bids by telegraph; but, peer as

Sternness was the only chance. "Down charge, down!" she commanded. "Bad dog! Down!"

A particularly mild voice answered her, "It ain't a dog, miss; it's a man!"

"A man? repeated Miss Merryweather, "Well!"

Of course it was not well; but Miss Merryweather did not think of the nicer meanings of words.

"Yes, ma'am," the voice repeated "don't be alarmed, I'm a man,—a burglar!"

Miss Merryweather showed no signs of alarm; in the first place she had a fearless soul; in the second place the voice was so mild, so almost apologetic, that it aroused her sense of humor.

"I don't know but that you are less of a nuisance than the dog would be," said she. "You stay right where you are and I will turn on the electric lights as soon as I get on a few things. Don't move or you'll hit something!"

"All right, ma'am," said the burglar, "only no pulling out a pop, you know, and firing it off at me in the dark, hit or miss!"

"Certainly not; at least not until I can see you," said Miss Merryweather. All the while she was hastily donning a wrapper and slippers. Then she turned on the lights.

The burglar stood directly under the blaze. He did not look like a burglar; there was nothing much in his pale face except the look of recent sickness and hopelessness. His clothes were like any workman's, a pair of blue, soiled overalls with something like a bib front, and a patched, check shirt. His hat was a battered soft felt, and was pushed back from dark brown locks. He looked like a workman out of a job. His hands, one of which held a pistol, were calloused and stained, a workman's hands.

When Miss Merryweather loomed upon him he lifted his empty hand to his hat. "I don't want to disturb you, ma'am," he repeated, "but I've got to have some money."

"Why?" said Miss Merryweather. She was quite at her ease, and had taken a rocking-chair.

"Why?" the man echoed bitterly, "because I prefer to steal to seeing my wife dying for want of things done for her and my children without shoes to their feet and never a bite amongst us all this day."

"Haven't you had anything to eat today?" said Miss Merryweather.

He shook his head. A stiff lock of brown hair which stood up on the top of his head wagged, at the motion; it gave him a grotesque look. He certainly was frightfully thin.

"Humph!" said Miss Merryweather, "You sit down in that rocking chair and stay there until I come up again. Don't you burgle any until I come back; then we'll see what we can do."

"You ain't going to telephone to the police to nab me?"

Miss Merryweather waved her hand toward the wall at a telephone.

"It isn't customary in houses of people who are not millionaires to have two telephones," said she, "I am going to bring you something to eat."

"I won't touch a thing, lady," promised the burglar, "I've been druv to this, I truly have."

Miss Merryweather encouraged him by a nod and departed, lighted candle in hand.

Never had she heard so many sinister noises at night as pricked her ears while her candle flitted from pantry to sideboard. Boards creaked under her tread and every door she touched sent up a shriek of remonstrance.

Diogenes slept calmly in the laundry. Miss Merryweather shook her head. She carried a revolver in her hand, which she laid on the tray. "He seems like a decent sort of submerged unfortunate but he may be wicked and run after me down stairs. If he does Di and the gun will hurt him."

"And I won't talk to him away from the telephone."

She thought of waking the sleeping dog and taking him upstairs, but the peril to the china of Diogenes' clumsy bulk seemed so much greater to her intrepid soul than any personal danger from the mild-mannered burglar that she dismissed the suggestion as soon as it appeared. And when she entered her sitting-room again and saw how starved and tired her burglar looked, she was glad of her decision.

He was leaning back in his chair, his pistol still in one limp hand, his head laid back, showing his miserably thin neck, and the white glare full on the haggard pallor of his face.

His eyes brightened at the sight of the tray. Miss Merryweather, making no comment, lighted the lamp under the silver chafing dish, and as it burned she buttered the slices of bread and placed beef between them.

"I am afraid the beef is a little underdone to your taste," observed she kindly, "and I hope you don't care for mustard, for I forgot it; but I've put on salt and pepper, and they were the best done pieces I could find. The soup will be warm in a minute. Now you drink this glass of wine."

The man drank it, keeping his eyes on her. Then he laid the pistol on the table. "I ain't going to use it," he said.

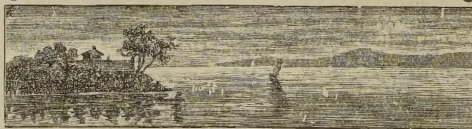
## Lake Hopatcong

By FRANK H. SWEET.

A group upon the cottage porch,  
A moon half-clouded in the sky,  
The woods around, deep-breathing, calm,  
A cricket's cry;  
And down below, the winding lake,  
Rock-bound and bold, with friendly light  
Of cottage, camp or gliding boat  
Smiling good cheer into the night.

A morning such as high lands know,  
Below the sky, above the earth,  
With matins of wood choristers  
To voice its birth;  
With golden paths across the lake,  
The sun's first glancing through the trees,  
A plash of oars, a creaking sail,  
A call, a laugh, a fresh'ning breeze.

In cottage porch, in gliding boat,  
'Tis call and laugh and bit of song,  
Morning or night or high midday,  
This Hopatcong;  
Enclosed by woods, bound round by rocks,  
With trill of bird and cricket cry,  
A place to rest, to dream—a home  
Above the earth, below the sky.



she might, she could not see a loophole of escape for her this time.

She went to bed early; but for a long while she could not sleep; she thought of the Plumbers' Union and her own defeat and raged anew.

And when, at last, she was just slipping off into the shadows of peace, she heard the softest of footfalls. Surely she closed the door on Diogenes, the dog! Hadn't she closed the door? Her mind drove her backward over that hasty journey through the rooms, down stairs. Diogenes had a mat in the laundry, and the range of the kitchen; she certainly had closed one of the kitchen doors; didn't she close the kitchen door upstairs? She did—at least she had seen that the door to the cellar was fast and she thought she had bolted the door upstairs—how did people ever feel certain about anything enough to swear that it happened. The footsteps were nearer, in the sitting-room which adjoined the chamber. Her first thought was for the safety of the tea table, with its precious freight.

She was sure if she called to the dog kindly he would begin wagging his tail, that tremendous brush which with one sweep might hurl her idols into irredeemable, smashing, crashing ruin!



"Much better not," returned Miss Merryweather. "The truth is, I have long had a curiosity to see a burglar and I rather have planned things that way; but I didn't expect he would be so decent as you seem. How do you like that wine? It's old Jaques port." The burglar looked rather bewildered, but answered that it was the best wine he had ever tasted. He added ingenuously that he had not tasted much wine.

"You are not at all like a professional burglar," remarked the lady who had now come to ladling out steaming soup. "I think you must be an amateur."

"I never touched a thing wasn't my own before, lady, so help me—"

"Well, you haven't touched anything yet, now, interrupted Miss Merryweather. "I suppose you are putting that sandwich into your pocket for your family—don't do it! I'll make you up a basket of them. Tell me what brought you, such a decent man, to this pass."

The man smeared his eyes with his hand before he began. "I never seen a lady like you," said he; "I'm just going to tell you the honest truth. I was working in Chicago. I belonged to the Junior Plumbers."

"Oh, if you were a plumber it must have come natural to you to rob!"

The burglar acknowledged the sally by a faint smile. "We ain't so bad as they make us out. Well, hard times come and work fell off, and the union wouldn't let us work below wages, so I left the union; fact is, I couldn't keep up my dues—"

"Do you mean to tell me," cried Miss Merryweather, springing from her chair in strong agitation, "do you mean to tell me you are not a union man? Don't think of burgling me! I can give you a great deal better job, and will advance you money on it, too. This house is only about half plumbed; if you will take hold and get this plumbing done by 6 o'clock tomorrow, I'll pay you well! And you shall have two men to help you who aren't plumbers, but have some sense! And a boy to run to the shop to get the tools. Are you a good plumber?"

"Yes'm, I was; but I worked till the strike came. I didn't strike, but joined the A. R. U. afterward to get the relief. The strike lasted so long I used up all my savings; and then I didn't git back, after all. So I'm a little out of practice. But I guess I can satisfy you. I'll try hard."

"You shall have a chance, anyhow. Why didn't you go back when the strike ended?"

"They didn't take all the men, ma'am; and I heard of a job in Chicago, so I moved there; and I got it sure enough; but it only lasted a little while; and then I wrote to the factory they was starting here and got a job; but the first week I come down with typhoid fever, and I worked with the fever on me; and I did take whiskey to kinder hold me up, for I was wild to think of losing my job; but wasn't drunk, though somebody said so. So I lost it and another feller got it. I guess he needed it bad too. But that's how it was. I went home and was sick for six weeks; and when I got up again there was nothing I could get, and the baby come, just then, God forgive it! and I guess he knowed he was none too welcome for he's been hollering ever since. Doctor says he needs some kinder food, nestling food, or some sich name, and I wanted to git it, for I, some way, don't jest want him to die, if he is mean! Then, I wanted to git my woman things; she's an awful nice woman, I'll say that, and about all we've got she's earned washing. I have been out a week, walking about a hundred miles, I guess, begging for a job everywhere I heard jobs were to be had; but, you see, we are strangers, and there ain't enough work to go round 'mong the old men. Today, as I went back from the shoe factory 'cross the river, and seen all the turkeys in the winders, and remembered how there wasn't a bite in our house for today nor for tomorrow, and looked at the rich folks that don't love their families a mite better'n I love mine, I got kinder wild, I guess. I never had 'gredded rich folks their money before; I was willing to work hard and not to have very much; but now it seems as if there wasn't an inch of room for me and my family on this earth! We'd pawned every last thing we could pawn and there we was—a starving!"

"But, goodness gracious!" exclaimed Miss Merryweather, "why didn't you go to the Associated Charities or to the Industrial Aid?"

"You see, lady, we ain't used to being poor; we didn't know about them places. Lady, I tell you it ain't the poverty poor that gits squeezed the hardest when there's hard times; bless you, no! They're used to leanin' on other folks and they just lop over a leetle heavier; but it's the decent folks that never knew the way to the poor overseer's office before, or even to the pawn shop, that catch it. They suffer and don't holler about it."

"I see," said Miss Merryweather; "go on!"

"There ain't much more," said the man, very neatly folding the napkin. "I told my wife I had got a job and I would have the money for a turkey for tomorrow; not to fret, I'd git some advanced. I went straight out, meaning to enter somebody's house and git enough to buy a Thanksgiving dinner. I prowled

about for a long time, first deciding on one house and then on another. By and by I saw all the folks in your kitchen going out and the light upstairs, and, says I, that lady is all alone by herself, and I can git some money, easy. So I come."

"But how did you get in? The windows are barred down stairs—"

"Yes'm, they look like good winders. But I came in by the door, the kitchen door. I reasoned like the girls would have some place where they hid the kitchen key and I could hunt it up. Most like it would be under the door mat. That's where it was, too."

"They shall have a latch key, every one of them; of course you got in. But didn't you wake the dog?"

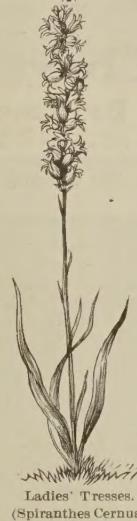
"No, ma'am, he just slept like dead. Them big dogs is jest like men about sleeping, they sleep so sound."

"But when you came up the stairs what did you do about the mat at the foot of the stairs? The lights ought to have sprung up and the bells rung the instant your foot touched the mat."

"Why, you see, lady," said the burglar, apologetically, "you see, I naturally struck a match now and then, to see my way and when I come on that plain, common mat in that beautiful hall with the handsome rugs about, I knowed-it to be a burglar mat, so I jest stepped over it. I've no doubt all the things would have happened if I had stepped on it right."

## Ladies' Tresses.

By THOMAS BROADBENT.



Ladies' Tresses.  
(*Spiranthes Cernua*)

Upon the border of a swamp,  
Beside the Cardamine and Cresses,  
Amidst the sedges and the mosses  
I found the little Ladies' Tresses,  
Fair as a spotless virgin bride,  
Bright as the pearly dew that crowned it.  
To me it seems but yesterday,  
Though twenty years since first I found it.

In autumn when the forest leaves  
Show by their tint that summer's over,  
I seek my little floral gem  
As fondly as a youthful lover.  
Around its form fond memory clings,  
As if some magic tie had bound it  
As strongly and as fresh to day,  
Though twenty years since first I found it.

Its spiral, snowy, wax-like flower  
I greet anew each year with pleasure;  
As fondly, too, upon it gaze  
As miser gazes on his treasure.  
To other eyes it small may seem;  
To mine there is a charm around it  
That ever takes me back again,  
Though twenty years since first I found it.

The artist may with matchless skill  
Portray the finest form and feature;  
Yet works of art are, at the best,  
But copies of the works of nature.  
In youth and age "forget-me-not"  
The sentiment of love expresses,  
But all through life let me enjoy  
The charm that flows from Ladies' Tresses.

"I don't know," said Miss Merryweather, gloomily. "May be the plumbers got it out of order. But, come here; open that chest." She pointed to the nun's chest against the wall, and the burglar obediently laid his pistol down to her bidding. An inner chest of iron was disclosed, having two projecting handles.

"Lift the cover," commanded Miss Merryweather. A smile of grim expectation parted her firm lips. Now approached her triumph. The burglar laid his hands on the knobs and pensively nodded his head, screwing up his mouth like a man recognizing a familiar flavor.

"Yes'm," said he. "Galvanic battery, ain't it? Kinder prickly!"

"I'll weaken the current," said Miss Merryweather; "you must be a perfect Spartan not to call out."

"Well, you see I rather suspicioned what it was," the burglar replied, letting his hands drop.

"How can you get your hands away?" cried Miss Merryweather.

"Hain't you weakened the current?" deprecated the burglar. "Pshaw! I thought you had, or I wouldn't 'a' taken them down. I'm really sorry."

Miss Merryweather laughed. "Everything is a failure," said she. "You ought to be held a prisoner, with your shoulders hunched up. It's all wrong."

"Oh, no, it ain't ma'am," the burglar tried to reassure her; "I ain't no manner of doubt that them mats down stairs would work splendid, we kin try, going down. But these here galvanic batteries are

mighty unreliable. Never mind, I kin fix it all right for you. I'm glad I came, though."

"So am I," said Miss Merryweather, "do you think something is the matter with this, too?" displaying her revolver.

It was a big revolver of glossy and iridescent black, not a feminine frippery about it, no pearl, no silver; a revolver that meant business.

"No, it's all right," said the burglar, admiringly; "you could 'a' plugged me, sure."

"Unless you shot me first."

"Humph! that would 'a' been difficult, seein' mine ain't loaded and there's something the matter with the trigger so it can't go off, else it would 'a' been in the pawn shop 'stead of here."

"Well," sighed Miss Merryweather, "it's a mercy you tried to burgle me with that useless thing instead of some one else. Now, for goodness sake, come down stairs and let me give you that basket and get you off before the servants come."

Miss Merryweather had very much the sensations of a burglar in her own house as she despoiled the larder, the friendly burglar holding the candle. They hurried at every glimpse of the clock; they trembled at all the creakings of the floor.

Robbins never did stay out before later than 12 or 1; it's a quar—Great heavens!" Miss Merryweather jumped. Suddenly she was bathed in a flood of light and bells were ringing all over the house.

"I guess the mat is straight goods," said the burglar. "You trod on one by mistake, ma'am. Say, what's that? They're a hollering in the yard. I'll try this door—"

"No, you will not," said Miss Merryweather, all herself again, "you will stay just where you are while I open the door."

She was at the hall door before she ended, calling loudly to the shrieking maids, who came in timidly (except Robbins) in the rear of the two men, who were none too valorous.

"Nothing is the matter," said Miss Merryweather. "I stepped on the mat myself. It works perfectly. Harriet, I've engaged a plumber, and he is to work all night, and the plumbing will be done by tomorrow afternoon. If you need those extra tools you better go home and get them, now!"—turning upon the bewildered burglar—"and you don't need that candle any more; put it down. Don't forget the basket."

"No, ma'am; thank you, ma'am," the burglar responded meekly, and I'll be back—"

"As soon as you can, there's no time to lose," said Miss Merryweather. "He is a good plumber," she announced calmly to her dazed domestic staff, "and I was lucky to get him. I have sent a basket of things to his family. Get him a good breakfast tomorrow morning, and I hope we shall have a Thanksgiving after all. I shan't forget how good you all are in these emergencies."

The household knew too well Miss Merryweather's generosity, for their special efforts, to be happy; but Robbins summed up the general mixture of disapprobation and admiration; she said, "Did you ever see the like! I believe Miss Elinor would git her will if she had to tear the world up by the roots!"

The plumbing was done and well done by four the next afternoon. The burglar's family, as well as the Merryweather gathering, dined late that Thanksgiving.

I cannot find a good moral in this tale unless it be contained in Miss Merryweather's own reflections.

"Now aren't the ways of Providence queer? Here's my burglar got a good plumber shop and lots of custom, simply by an unsuccessful attempt to rob. But then it is a merciful thing that as our best intentions are liable to bring harm and misfortune, so our bad ones run off the track, sometimes, too. And, anyhow it wasn't because he was a burglar he was so lucky, but because he was such a remarkably gentle and propitiating burglar! If he hadn't been, I should have had to shoot him or sick Diogenes on him. I hope it will be a lesson to us both that it is better far to rule by love than fear, and kind words can never die, and all that kind of thing! And it was certainly a mercy to me that I feel truly thankful, for I don't know how I could have beaten the plumbers without him."—*The Midland Review.*

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# The Winter Window Garden.

By Lennie Greenlee.



THE WINDOW garden proper is not merely a place to winter over a miscellaneous collection of plants that the housekeeper has collected through summer. All plants that cannot contribute their quota of winter cheer, either in flower or leaf, have their place in the cold-frame, bulb-pit, or the windows of rooms not used constantly through the cold season.

Let us hope that the living-rooms are on the sunnyside of the house, where they can be shaded with vines in summer and kept bright with flowering



PEDATA VIOLETS GROWN IN COOL ROOM.

plants in winter. Choosing among the collection on hand, their owner can select for sunny southern windows, heliotropes, bouvardias, geraniums, callas, lantanas, and other sun-loving continual blooming plants.

Windows with an eastern exposure receive sunshine enough to bloom primroses, carnations, cyclamens, cinerarias, marguerites, and a good many other plants. Cacti, of different sorts, will winter nicely there, or may be brought here in February to show their flowers after their winter rest in a dry cool place. These windows, too, have just the place for Holland bulbs that are brought in the bud stage from cellar or cold-frame.

The western windows need some screen of vines or drapery, if plants are to be grown successfully in them. Cacti, the Zanzibar balsam, and geraniums are about the only flowers that will cheerfully endure their hot afternoon sunshine.

Northern windows are usually considered somewhat difficult of treatment, but this is only when people are determined to grow flowering plants in them. For beautiful-leaved plants they are just the right amount of light, without direct sunshine. Palms, ferns, dragon-trees, araucarias, and the different ivies flourish well in them. In these windows, too, may be placed hanging baskets, which are not permissible in windows where flowering plants are grown, because they shut out too much light.

## Flowers for Cool Rooms.

In almost any room with a temperature above freezing point, violets, Paris daisies, primroses, libonias, daphnes, camellias, azaleas, aspidistra and English ivy can be grown. There are a score of handsome shrubby plants that thrive and bloom well in houses where tender plants look miserable. I have often wondered why country houses heated with wood fires were not brightened with such plants as these instead of the tenderlings that are frozen in their windows every season. Abutilons will bloom in them all winter; in fall the bouvardias of several colors would be bright; the lemon and orange trees, solanums, ardisia, lemon verbenas and cape jasmine are beautiful in fruit or leaf all winter; in February the sweet daphne and fragrant olive yield their delightfully scented flowers; later come azaleas, justicias, libonias, camellias, cape jasmines and other shrubs in variety. From February onward the Holland bulbs, potted in autumn, will second the shrubs nobly in their efforts to keep the window bright. They also bloom best and last longest in cool rooms, so that country houses may well abound with them.

## Holland Bulbs.

The Dutch bulb-growers know their trade so well that forcing these bulbs into bloom is a simple process and practically sure of success. All sorts of bulbs are prettier when planted three or more together, either of the same or contrasting colors. Gay and saucy tulips are prettiest when planted, six or more together in broad, low pots or pans. The Duc van Thols bloom earliest, and are favorites for window growing. They are the only tulips that can be forced, with good stems, for Christmas use. The light colors of hyacinths are much the most beautiful and do not clash with other flowers. Single tulips and hyacinths flower better in the house than double ones. Select large, heavy bulbs for forcing; plant the small sizes outdoors.

Five or six-inch pots are most convenient for handling. In them may be planted two or three hyacinths, from four to six tulip bulbs, as many narcissi, a dozen freesias, eight or ten crocuses, and about the same number of scillas, tritellias, etc.

I would grow only a few hyacinths and narcissi in glasses and bowls for variety's sake. A friend of mine has a very cleanly and healthful way of doing this. She selects a pretty jardiniere of some dull or soft color, green usually, and places a bit of square brick on the bottom. A medium-sized pot is filled with one-third broken charcoal at the bottom; on this are placed white pebbles with the bulbs atop. The pot is set upon the brick in the jardiniere, and water is poured in the jardiniere until it is about half full. When the water needs changing the pot is lifted out and fresh water given without disturbing the bulb-roots in the least.

## How Plants are Potted.

After choosing pots carefully, according to the number and size of bulbs or plants they are to contain, the first step is to provide good drainage. An inch of broken crocks or charcoal placed in the bottom is enough to drain off surplus water from any medium-sized pot. Over this place a layer of some fibrous substance like moss, to keep the soil from washing down into and clogging the drain.

A good soil for all potted plants can be mixed from fibrous loam and fine old decayed manure from cow-stalls, using one-third of the latter to two-thirds of the former. The bulbs that are potted at this season like a liberal quantity of sand added. A good handful or two of leaf-mould from the woods is also grateful to all plants.

Fill the pots to within an inch of the brim with soil, press the bulbs firmly into its surface, add a light top-layer, and water thoroughly to settle them in place. Lilies are planted one to a pot, and deeper than other bulbs,—two or three inches below the surface. The amaryllis, hyacinth, narcissus and cyclamen are not quite covered with soil. Never fill the pots quite full of soil, or the watering cannot be done thoroughly.

## Timely Bits of Work.

Immediately after potting, the bulbs should be placed in a cool, dark place until their roots form. Usually this lasts from six to eight weeks. A cellar that contains a heater is not a good place for them. A cold-frame is better; or they may be left standing in some shaded corner of the garden, with leaves or straw thrown over them to keep out light and frost until freezing weather sets in.

## Chrysanthemums.

By Emma Clearwaters.

When the queen of autumn is in her glory, is the time for us to plan the next fall's beauty from this satisfactory plant. By keeping the pot plants in a cool room, but with good light, the blossoms will stay out much longer, and still be more beautiful, than if the plants were outdoors, or in a fire heated room.

By giving water as needed, with some fertilizer once a week, the very smallest buds will open, thus prolonging the period of bloom for some time. A good plant, rightly cared for, should be in full beauty from November until February.

As fast as a blossom fades, remove it, and when all, or almost all the buds have bloomed, it is better to cut the stalks all down. The plant will be much nicer and stronger for another fall. Where there are two plants of the same variety, it is nice to experiment with one of them, if there is window room. With a little extra care, there should be blooms until the hardy bulbs begin flowering.

Cut the stalks down to within an inch of the pot, and set away in a cellar, closet or unused room, some where in a dark and cool, but not cold place, in order that the roots shall remain dormant and take their needed rest. Water only often enough to prevent the roots becoming dust dry. In the spring bring to the light and warmth, and in a few days there will be dozens of sprouts, each of which will make a blooming plant by fall. The strongest side shoot is usually the best one to keep for house blooming.

I prefer to pot in a large vessel, in rich soil, then sink the pot in a spot that is shaded part of the day, rather than to plant in small pots, and shift as needed. No doubt this latter would give the strongest rooted plants, but some of us haven't time to repot when needed. Never let them suffer for water, and pinch back severely; with some varieties it is necessary to disbud frequently.



VARIEGATED MAIDENHAIR FERN.



CYCLOPS PINKS.



# The Peony, China's Flower Queen.

By Sarah A. Pleas.



**B**EFORE the season for planting has entirely gone let us sing the praises of this most royal flower, for unlike our own Queen of the Garden, the Peony stands absolutely without a rival in the size and magnificence of its beautiful flowers, and the satisfaction to be derived for the little care given them. From one package of seeds we may have colors from pure white to deepest crimson, with all the intermediate shades and blendings, both in great round globes, the larger full, flat flowers, and the semi-

bear, have ceased to come at our call, having journeyed to some far off home, or "to a land that is fairer than this."

All florists regard the Peony as the most deserving of popularity of any flower grown, and could the flower lovers generally know of its hardihood and merits, every one would grow them. There is so little comparatively written about them, that but few know they may be had for a mere song, and will live and thrive indefinitely. They can be shipped without injury at any time, and can be planted any time before the ground freezes. They lie dormant for weeks unhurt, and I have seen plants taken up when in full leaf and transplanted successfully. My Peonies are a pleasure without an alloy to which I look forward and backward throughout the entire year. A bed of new seedlings will have a surprise for one every morning when coming into bloom, either prettier new ones opening out, or those of yesterday showing new beauties. I have made a specialty of growing them for many years, and have learned all I possibly could regarding them, but in my enthusiasm it is difficult to determine what to leave unsaid.

## Desirable Hardy Pinks.

By Florence Beckwith.

Pinks which will remain in the open ground all winter without protection are very desirable. When fragrance and beauty are added to the hardy qualities, we have a flower that deserves to be cultivated in every garden. We can scarcely recall an old-time garden without borders of grass pinks, so sweet, so simple, so fragrant that their spicy odor seemed to hover over the beds like a cloud, and even meet one with a sense of special greeting.

They were generally known as grass pinks, but were also called May pinks, June pinks, star pinks, and sometimes feather-edged pinks on account of the petals being so finely cut and feathered. The pale pink blossoms with darker eye, in such pretty contrast to the bluish-green, almost gray foliage, had a quaint effect, and when seen by moonlight they looked like softly shining stars. They were generally used as edgings for beds or borders, and were often planted in rural cemeteries. The delicious, spicy odor of the blossoms made it one of the best-beloved of all the old-fashioned flowers. A plant so easy of cultivation, one that succeeds in any soil and is never out of place in any situation should have a place in every garden, but yet it is not often seen now-a-days, though it is still counted among the most beautiful of all pinks for massing and cutting.

The flowers are produced so abundantly that they can be cut freely for the house, and nothing can be sweeter or prettier. *Dianthus plumarius* is the proper name and Pheasant's Eye pink is another of its appellations. We hope it will regain its old time popularity and be seen again in every garden. The plants are perfectly hardy until they become old. It is better to keep some young plants coming on, to fill the places of the old ones as they gradually fail in vigor.

The Cyclops pinks (see illustration page six) are a new variety of the *Dianthus plumarius* type. The plants grow from twelve to fifteen inches high; the flowers are large, round, and produced in great profusion. In these new pinks there is a great variety of colors, light rose, copper color, crimson and flesh color predominating, with an eye-like zone of velvety red in the center. They have a clove like odor which adds to their attractiveness, and there are both single and double forms. If the seeds are sown sufficiently early the plants will bloom the first summer, often continuing until frost. They are a pretty variation to the old grass pink, and worthy of cultivation.

## My Maidenhair Fern.

By Flora Lee.

A tiny plant was given me one fall. Now it is a fine little specimen. Yet it has been grown in a city home with the disadvantages of illuminating gas (no leakage) and furnace heat. It stands close to the glass in a sunless window; temperature averaging sixty-five degrees; vase of water near; it is potted in woods leaf mold with some sand never given fertilizer; watered thoroughly occasionally, and always just enough to keep soil moist but not really wet. In summer it is plunged in the ground in a shady sheltered place. It rested one summer but grows always in winter.



CORNER OF PEONY GARDEN

double and single ones. These last with thin cushions of bright yellow stamens appeal to many persons more strongly than do the less double kinds. All are borne in great armfuls, as many as thirteen flowers as large as one's head, being triumphantly held out to you on one stem, like a challenge to "beat me if you can." They bow and sway so gracefully in the bright sunshine that they seem to enjoy your admiration as much as you do seeing them.

Nothing can enhance their beauty unless it be to send the little folks to run and play among them choosing which shall be given their own names. If planted in rows, the clumps should be four feet apart, with five or six feet between the rows to allow of free passage among them. Unlike the rose, no disease nor insect enemy attacks either bud, leaf, stem or root; yet they are especially attractive to insects as many as twenty honey bees having been counted in one of the first opened flowers. The unopened buds are coated with a sweet substance which attract the ants; this need occasion no anxiety as they are never injured by them in any way.

When once established they are hardy as an oak, and you can rely on having them just where planted, indefinitely. The years may come and the years may go, but the Peonies are there to stay. You may leave the home, but if you also leave them, they will not betray their trust. You will find them ready to greet you with their bright upturned faces on the return of every spring, and are worthy to go down from generation to generation with the dear old homestead. They are less affected by age perhaps, then any other thing about the home; their greatest need is timely division. Each bloom stalk has from two to five or more buds at its base, according to the size and strength of the clump. Those growing in the center will in a few years become too numerous and crowded to produce good flowers. As long as the fertility produces large stout stalks bearing several flowers each, they are all right. After they have attained the number of twenty-five to thirty flower stalks they will deteriorate unless divided, and are greatly benefited by an annual mulch. Each November, from the cow stable, this is to be lightly forked in before growth starts in spring. Some of the smaller central stalks may be pulled out, soon as up, for two or three years, but division is the best remedy to insure large healthy growth and big flowers. Pieces taken off should not have more than five or six stalks, to grow best, and planted in good rich earth, four feet apart, should bloom well the first season. If planted in rows, these should be five or six feet distant to allow free passage between them.

For best results, the seeds should be buried in a garden bed, in a shallow box of sand, exposed to rain and frost which will soften the hard shell by spring and insure quick germination. They start into growth very early, and soon as the earth can be made in readiness they should be planted in rows a few inches apart, where they can remain for three or four years, and receive the same care and cultivation as vegetables. To insure their not being broken off and lifted out by the frost, it is safest to give them a good mulch the first two winters; this may be raked from over the crowns until they are above ground in spring, but even when broken and lifted out, and left prostrate on the surface, whilst the earth is still soft, they may be thrust back with the finger when they will grow all right. Whilst not exacting in their requirements, heavy manuring, mulching and watering in dry weather will always result in more and finer flowers. Unlike children we do not christen them until we become acquainted with their individual merits, when mature, bearing great cluster of gorgeous flowers, when we bestow on them the names dearest to us, or otherwise as seems most fitting. Then we regard them with increased interest as they develop into established family possessions, referring to them by name, and they grow into our affections, contributing annually to the delight of our home by their fragrance and beauty, for long years after the dear ones whose names they



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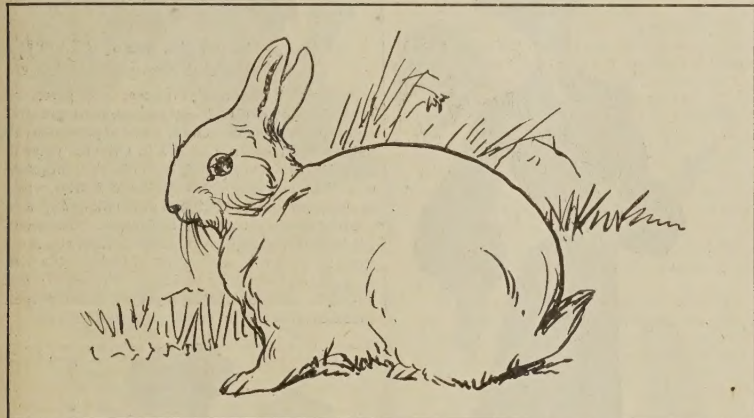
# FOR THE CHILDREN

## Tommie Cottontail & His Adventures

By John Jordan Douglass.

**H**E was just an ordinary sort—of a little Rabbit, executing a hop-skip—and jump performance before the door of his mother's burrow on a pleasant summer evening.

The balm of the wide woodland lay faintly on the air, and the sweetest of all melodies—Nature's own—stole softly forth from covert and open. Mayhap, these were incentives to the gay young Rabbit to continue his playful pranks; or was he simply giving bent to buoyant, bounding energy? The wiles and whims of a Cottontail are past finding out.



At any rate, he had a perfect right to be merry,—as all wild things have—; for with them it is ever "eat, drink and be merry; tomorrow you may die."

But Tommy Cottontail was also something of a wary rascal. He was a close observer of certain birds with high heads, and certain beasts which hunted with the shadows—crafty, soft-footed things, with shiny eyes.

So it is not to be wondered at that Tommy Cottontail, being naturally suspicious, should confine his capers, for a time, at least, to the little green plot before his mother's doorway. Of course, I do not mean to say that he didn't make regular excursions to a branch that ran, gurgling and sparkling, nearby; but he went and returned with such a startling "blikety-blik" that nothing could easily keep pace with him—except his shadow.

Now it is proper to relate, in this connection (for I'm telling the story of Tommy's life) something which occurred when he was a wee small rabbit—in fact, but little more than ears and eyes.

One night, when the moon dropped a silvery lance of light through the burrow, a shadow suddenly darkened it, and the long, lean body of a minx came sliding through. It was a perilous moment for Tommy's mother. There were four little Rabbits dependent upon her. She loved them all with the strong, unreasoning affection of the wild. They were too young to follow her; and besides, the minx had cut off the only way of escape. Nearer and nearer came the enemy. They could hear his soft purring noise and see the fierce gleam in his yellow eyes. A moment more and he would be upon them; but the old Rabbit, driven to desperate straits, seized one of her little ones in her mouth, tenderly and firmly as a cat carries her kittens, and made a frantic dash for the opening. The minx, taken wholly by surprise and trampled swiftly under foot, did not have time to attack her. Before he could turn, she was out of danger with the little one. Perhaps a pang shot through her poor fluttering heart, as the memory of the three babies left behind rushed over her (for animals do not forget their young), but she had done her best—she had saved Tommy Cottontail.

As Tommy grew larger and stronger, his desire to see more of the world kept pace. It was very difficult for his mother to restrain him. His large eyes, like her own, enabled him to see almost as well behind as he could before, and his long ears were so constructed as to hear the slightest noise. He learned, too, to double on his trail and to stop suddenly in midflight. No Rabbit in all that section was better acquainted with the value of water as a killer of scent, and the necessity of staying on the right side of the wind.

And he had not learned these things in vain; for one night, when he hopped forth to a distant cabbage-patch, a slinking Gray Fox silently fell on his trail. The sly rascal thought to creep after Tommy unobserved, then pounce upon him all of a sudden. That might have worked all right with some animals, but it was just useless with a rabbit. Tommy's sensitive ears soon caught the mellow foot-falls and, with most mischievous intent, he laid out a puzzle-trail for the old Fox. The shrewd gray fellow sniffed and snarled over it till day-break, and went home hungry. Crafty and cunning as he was, the Rabbit had outwitted him.

Tommy Cottontail was now his own Rabbit, and he waxed pretty bold. He flaunted his white flag in the face of every fourfoot, and no twofoot had caught him in a snare. The cabbage and turnip patches came in for a large share of his ravages. When the moon sailed like a silver ship athwart the sky, he sallied forth on his nightly rounds. Now and then he would choose a suitable spot to dance and turn summersaults.

On a certain night in August Tommy, being happy and hilarious as usual, stopped under a great cedar tree to go through his general gymnastics. He had never felt quite so independent and important. He fairly excelled himself rolling, rollicking, and chasing his shadow.

Suddenly there was a slight rustling in the branches overhead, and before he could gather himself for flight, a great winged creature swooped down, popped its sharp claws in his back and bore him off. "Mink—Mink!" Tommy cried.

But a great merciless owl had snatched him off in the midst of his glory, and Tommy would, from all appearances, soon pay the penalty for his foolish pranks.

\*Imitation of Rabbit's cry of distress.

But Tommy Cottontail was a Rabbit of resources. No sooner had he realized his sad plight than he fastened his sharp teeth in the owl's breast. With a hoarse cry—a perfectly painful screech—she relaxed her biting burden.

Tommy received a good hard blow, but it knocked some of the conceit out of his silly head, and left a bump of wisdom in its stead.

He never danced near any more cedar trees, if he was his own Rabbit.

## Walter's Thanksgiving

By Z. Irene Davis

Mr. Allison was a prosperous merchant in the East but as he had no children of his own he wanted to adopt a boy, not only to help him in his store but also that he might make him heir to his business. His brother had invited him to visit his home during the merchant's vacation, and as the former had a large family of boys he thought quite seriously of adopting one of them.

"What do you think of it?" he asked his wife, after unfolding the plan to the lady as they were on their way to the brother's distant home.

"Well," replied the matron wisely, "let us say nothing of the matter to them until we believe that one of the boys will be worth our trial. We have had a large experience, you know, with store boys, and none of them may seem desirable. I advise that we select the one who has learned to obey his father and mother."

"True," replied Mr. Allison as he offered Mrs. Allison the box of sugar plums just purchased from the train agent; "a boy isn't worth his salt who will not mind."

"Hurrah—here's Uncle Harvey," cried Mr. Allison's nephews as they lined up

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And wildly tossed appealing arms;  
The snowless earth gray-green and drear  
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Late in the afternoon the blue  
Burst for a moment from its shrouds;  
But soon again about it drew  
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weak. Not the nerves you ordinarily think about—not  
the nerves that govern your movements and your  
thoughts.

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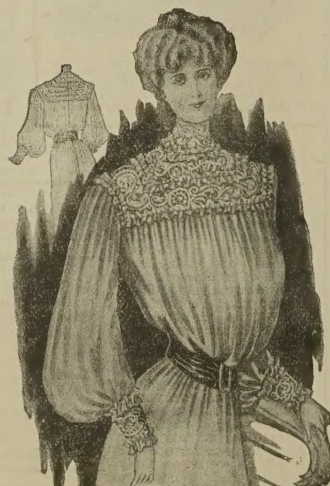
Square necks of lace and the like make features  
of many of the newest waists and are exceedingly  
attractive. This very pretty waist is made of ivory  
crepe de Chine and is combined with a square of  
Venetian point, which is lined with chiffon only,  
and trimming of lace banding. The waist is one of  
the new ones, and is tucked to give a box plaited  
effect, and is closed invisibly at the left of the front.  
The front is slashed below the square and finished  
with a frill of lace, which adds greatly to the effect.  
The quantity of material required for the medium  
size is 5½ yards 21, 4½ yards 27 or 3 yards 44 inches  
wide, with ¾ yards of all-over lace, and ¾ yards of  
lace edging and ¾ yards of banding. The pattern  
4842 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch  
bust measure.



Pattern No. 4842

### Crepe Poplin and lace.

Full waists with square yokes are much in vogue  
both for the odd blouse and for the entire gown,  
and are exceedingly effective made in the many  
new and attractive soft materials of the season.  
This one combines pale blue crepe poplin with  
cream lace and is trimmed with ruchings of the  
material, but the list of available combinations is  
almost without limit. The waist is becomingly full  
below the yoke and can be made high at the neck  
and finished with the collar as illustrated or cut to  
form a slightly open square as may be preferred.  
The quantity of material required for the medium  
size is 4½ yards 21, 3½ yards 27 or 2½ yards 44  
inches wide with 1 yard of yoking material 18  
inches wide. The pattern 4775 is cut in sizes for a  
32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4775

### Mahogany Color With Cream.

The rich, warm shade known as mahogany is  
among the most fashionable of all colors for winter  
wear, and peculiarly attractive in broadcloth.  
This very handsome costume is made of the mate-

rial with the vest, cuffs, and facings of the cream  
color, trimming of velvet. The Eton is one of the  
latest and includes the new sleeves with double  
cuffs, while the skirt is cut in 11 gores with fan  
plaits at each seam. The quantity of material re-  
quired for the medium size is, for Eton 4¾ yards 21  
or 2¾ yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 16½ yards 21  
6 or 8¾ yards 44 when material has figure or nap  
6¾ yards 44 inches wide when material has neither  
figure nor nap. The Eton pattern 4796 is cut in  
sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40 inch bust measure.  
The skirt pattern 4697 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26,  
28 and 30 inch waist measure.



Patterns No. 4796-4697

### The Fashionable Round Yoke.

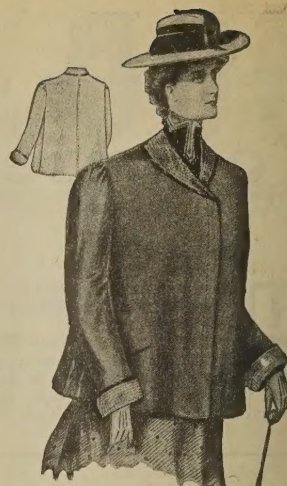
Shallow, round yokes are much in vogue and are  
very generally becoming. The attractive waist  
illustrated shows one of the latest combined with a  
blouse of champagne colored messaline satin and  
trimming of applique banding. It can, however,  
be reproduced in many other materials, anything  
that is soft enough to allow of the fullness being  
suited to the waist, while the yoke and trimming  
can be varied again and again. The quantity of  
material required for the medium size is 4 yards 21,  
3¾ yards 27 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide with ½ yard  
of all-over lace and 1½ yards of banding to make  
as illustrated. The pattern 4828 is cut in sizes for a  
32, 34, 36, 38, and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4828

### A Satisfactory Coat.

Loose coats are always comfortable and satisfac-  
tory to the wearer. This one is made in box style  
of tan colored Covert cloth, and is piped with  
velvet but it can be reproduced in any of the season's  
cloakings. To make it for a woman of medium  
size will be required 2½ yards 44 inches wide or 2  
yards 52 inches wide. The pattern 4762 is cut in  
sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4762

### A Tasteful Negligee.

Negligees in kimona style appear to be given the  
preference over all others and are both graceful  
and comfortable. This one is made of pale green al-  
batross with trimming of silk in Oriental pattern,  
but all the simple light weight wools are appropriate  
as well as the entire list of washable fabrics, while  
the banding can be of ribbon or of silk or any con-  
trasting material that may be desired. The quan-  
tity of material required for the medium size is 4½  
yards 21, 4 yards 27 or 3½ yards 32 inches wide with  
1½ yards any width for banding. The pattern 4822  
is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inch  
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Pattern No. 4822

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## The Household

### Thanksgiving Decorations and Recipes.

BY JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON.

It may not be necessary to eat all the good things for which we are thankful, so from cellar shelf and fruit cupboard bring memories of all the season's treasures prisoned in glass. A shelf in front of the sunny dining room window will hold cans of cherries, pears, raspberries, peaches, plums, etc., arranged with an idea of color. Glasses of currant, quince and grape jelly make a beautiful contrast to the grey and white out of doors.

For the table center piece saw a third off a large Hubbard squash and remove the seeds. This will leave a boat-shaped receptacle for vegetables which can be washed and rubbed clean. The children will enjoy doing this part of the work. You will be surprised at the variety of color—creamy white of potato, orange of carrot, purple and white of turnip, yellow of onion, white and green tips of celery.

If you like, the "boat of plenty" can be suspended from the chandelier or a hook in the ceiling above the table. In this case put two screw eyes on the underside of the squash for the cord to pass through and knot so there will be no danger of slipping out of place. Chains of cranberries and pop corn will make a further decoration to conceal the cord—using three or four white to one of red. At night the boat may be lighted by candles. Use the candle holders sold for Christmas trees with a tack in the bottom. These can be placed all around the edge, a short distance apart, before the vegetables are arranged.

For the side table use half of a pumpkin to hold polished apples and oranges, or nuts and malaga grapes or grape fruit and bunches of raisins. Line the pumpkin with paraffine paper before putting in the fruit and place it on a small tray.

Sweet Potatoes sometimes need to be baked so long that a goodly part is wasted, in this case parboil for twenty minutes then place in the oven to finish. Parsnips—Pare and cut in thin slices, boil quickly in salted water—as soon as tender drain and sprinkle with salt, pepper and flour. Brown in a kettle of deep fat as you would fried cakes. Keep hot in the oven till all are fried, then serve immediately. If the parsnips are of good quality they will be crisp and delicate.

Cranberry Sauce—Wash one quart of berries, add one pint boiling water; cook ten minutes, add one pint of sugar and set on the back of the stove or in the oven for twenty minutes. Quinces and apples are also nice cooked the same way. Remove the cores, but be careful not to break the fruit. More time will be required than for the cranberries.

Pumpkin Pie—One and one-half cups stewed and sifted pumpkin, one cupful boiling milk, three-fourths cup brown sugar, two eggs, half teaspoon each salt, cinnamon and ginger. Bake slowly till a rich brown.

### Making Others Thankful.

Said old gentleman Gay, "On a Thanksgiving day,

If you want a good time, then give something away;"

So he sent a fat turkey to Shoemaker Price,

And the shoemaker said, "What a big bird! How nice!"

And since such a good dinner's before me I ought

To give Widow Lee the small chicken I bought."

"This fine chicken, oh, see!" said the pleased Widow Lee,

"And the kindness that sent it, how precious to me!"

I would like to make some one as happy as I—

I'll give Washwoman Biddy my big pumpkin pie."

"And, oh, sure!" Biddy said, "'tis the queen of all pies!"

Just to look at its yellow face gladdens my eyes.

Now, it's my turn, I think, and a sweet ginger cake

For the motherless Finigan children I'll bake."

Said the Finigan children—Rose, Denny and Hugh—

"It smells sweet of spice, and we'll carry a slice

To poor, little lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."

"Oh, I thank you, and thank you!" said little lame Jake;

"Oh, what a bootiful, bootiful, bootiful cake!"

And, oh, such a big slice! I will save all the crumbs,

And will give them to each little sparrow that comes."

And the sparrows they twittered, as if they would say,

Like old gentleman Gay, "On a Thanksgiving day,

If you want a good time, then give something away."

—Little Men and Women.

### Little Girl's Aprons.

BY R. E. M.

Children must play if they are to be happy, and they are sure to get their dresses dirty if they are not provided with aprons.

Some aprons are so fancifully made that it is as much trouble to wash them as the dresses, but this is not at all necessary. To make an apron that requires very little work in making or laundering, take a strip of cloth as wide as the length of the apron, and as long as will make the proper fullness around the child. Allow for an inch hem all around. After the hem is made, fold the piece, placing the ends together, then fold again and cut a half circle in the double fold about an inch below the upper hem. This will make arm holes, and the pieces, which are attached at the upperside to the apron, will form pretty shoulder caps. Hem or bind the caps and arm holes. Run a string in the hem to draw the apron up around the neck, and put two or three buttons and button-holes at the back. This apron is very quickly made, is comfortable, and is easily laundered. Have a good supply, and change them often enough to keep the little Miss neat. When ready to wash them, throw them into warm pearline suds and let stand a short time, then rub them out and rinse in clear water. Fold them lengthwise and put through the wringer smoothly. Hang to dry and then fold and put away. They will be smooth enough for every day use without ironing.

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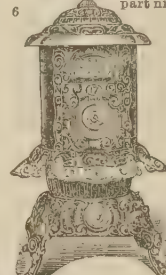
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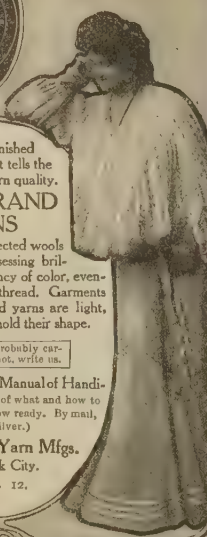
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## Autumn Fancies.

The autumn strives with its moonlight mellow.  
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The west wind soft and the sunshine yellow,  
To stay the swallows' southward flight.  
But the west wind sighs and the leaves are falling,  
The sun glows red in his baffled ire,  
The gray clouds stoop and the birds are calling;  
"Fly to the land of thy heart's desire!"  
I catch a glimpse through the bright leaves turning,  
Of trees all leafless, of blight and gloom,  
And I strive in vain, 'gainst my heart's strong yearning,  
To stay its flight to the land of bloom.  
Fly southward, fly, O swift-winged swallow!  
Fly to the hot sun's kiss of fire,—  
Would with wings I could follow, follow,  
Speed away to my heart's desire!  
*Thoughts Adrift.*

## Novelties in Fancy Work.

BY MARION HARPER.

It was while on an extended trip through the West and North that I saw some very pretty new things in the shape of fancy work; at least they were new to me.

One dainty little home in Oregon has its parlors neatly furnished though every thing was made at home. The woodwork is in oak and bronze; and the parlor set attracted my attention from the fact that it was an old haircloth set recovered. The frames are bronzed which I like much better than white, as the latter is so suggestive of undertakers stock. The upholstering looks very pretty but is nothing more or less than crazywork. The crazy pieces are stitched on the machine with heavy embroidery silk, after being basted into place. The tete-a-tete, patent rockers and easy chairs were all covered in the same way. The whole had the appearance of being something quite expensive.

Other novel features were the curtains, which were made out of seine twine in afghan stitch with wide alternate rows of openwork left for piping of blue satin. Of course one can use any color suited to one's other furnishings. These curtains are simply lovely and look so heavy and rich; much prettier than the cheap store ones that never look nice after being laundered. One can make long curtains or lambrequins, just as one chooses.

Two portieres were fashioned the same way, only they had linings of the satin and heavy rope and tassel made of the twine, to tie them back when needed.

But the prettiest novelties it was my good fortune to find were in a rancher's home, where the "gude wife" had made some of the handsomest bedspreads I ever saw, and would you believe it? they were made just like a carpet, and were woven at the carpet weavers. The warp was white woolen in one case, and the material used was cardinal outing flannel, torn into strips and sewed like carpet rags; of course they are torn very fine. A wide border was crocheted out of the warp mixed with red woolen warp.

Another one was "hit and miss, made of silks, woolens, velvets, etc., and the warp used was the variegated woolen warps that are so pretty now. The spread used to be a grandmother's pride. It was bound all around with handsome, wide, Scotch plaid braid.

I could not help commenting on the saving of laundry work in each home. These women have ample time to read and improve their minds, while many another sister is toiling over the ironing board with the numberless starched articles that are neither pretty nor attractive.

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Under the Editorial Supervision of  
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Counselor-at-Law.

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All communications for this department should be addressed to Vick's Family Magazine, Law Column, Rochester, N. Y.

### C. A. S. New York

The proprietors of a share in this city desire to put a passage way over a street which separates two of their buildings, and have asked permission of the "city fathers." I don't think that they should be permitted to do so, and desire to know whether I am right or wrong under the law.

**Reply:** If the city is empowered by the legislature to regulate and control the municipal streets, without being specifically empowered to authorize such overhead passages or archways, the city cannot authorize such a structure. The city holds the streets in trust for the public, and no one but the legislature or one acting under its authority can encroach upon the rights of the public. The courts have reached this conclusion in regard to ornamental columns, cornices, porches, platforms, bay windows, steps, signs, and awnings projecting beyond the street line, and the reasons would seem to be at least as applicable to overhead passages. In fact there are a few cases where this has been expressly adjudicated.

### X. Y. Z. Kentucky

Can a seed-house from which I purchased some Western German millet be held responsible for by loss because the seeds would not produce the crop which I have heretofore been able to obtain from this kind of seed?

**Reply:** It seems to be a fair inference that our correspondent purchased the particular kind of seed named,—and, if so, the seed-house would not be liable for any deficiency of the seed as a crop producer (if the seed was in fact the kind ordered), although they knew that their customer desired it for seeding purposes. This was the point of the decision recently rendered in Kentucky in the well considered case of Gardner and Wier, now very officially reported. This decision is within general principles which have been well formulated thus: Where a manufacturer or a dealer contracts to supply an article which he manufactures or produces, or in which he deals, to be applied to a particular purpose, so that the buyer necessarily trusts to the judgment or skill of the manufacturer or dealer, there is in that contract of sale an implied term of warranty that the thing sold shall be reasonably fit for the purpose to which it is to be applied. But where a known, described, and defined article is ordered of a manufacturer or dealer, although it is stated by the purchaser for a particular purpose, still, if the known, defined, and described thing be actually supplied, there is no warranty that it shall answer the particular purpose intended by the buyer. 2. Benj. Sales, 2 989,988; 1 Pars. Contracts 588,587; Lawson, Contracts 357, subsec. 8.

### J. M. W. Connecticut

I am unfortunate in having invested in land a few years ago in Georgia. I now employ no agent and the land—not being cultivated—I wish the taxes reduced. That is I want the land to be returned for original value. I wish to pay the taxes myself (to save expenses) but the tax collector doesn't send statement. Please tell me how I can do this business myself from year to year, also what I must do or whom to write to to have taxes reduced. Also can I pay taxes in advance,—that is for five or ten years ahead?

**Reply:** Even though there is some doubt about non-user land being ground for reduction in the assessed valuation, it would probably be somewhat difficult in ordinary cases to obtain a satisfactory reduction by the assessor unless you or some reliable attorney presented the facts to him in person. You can probably obtain the names and addresses of both assessor and collector if you write to the county clerk (enclosing postage) of the county wherein your property is located, quotation of the location as described in your deed would be sufficient.

It will be impossible for you to pay your taxes for five or ten years in advance as they are undetermined until assessed,—and assessments are ordinarily made from year to year.

### E. E. C. Connecticut

I wish to ask a question which I hope to ask in a way that you will understand.

In a family of sons and daughters when the mother has passed away, can not the daughter take possession of her personal belongings.

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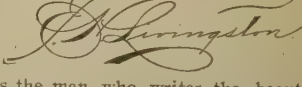
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## THE MOTHER'S MEETING

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

By Victoria Wellman.



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### A Personal Letter to My Readers.

Dear Sisters and Mothers, if you knew—but alas! we often never guess how easily we could brighten another's life or help "bear one another's burdens"—you could give me the happiest Thanksgiving of my life by just a one-page letter from each of you (and three pages would suit me even better, my dear friends). Am I conceited or "too sentimental" because I retain an enthusiastic faith in the kindness of my Vick readers? I want to lay the case before you, "heart to heart." Many of you feel you are "too busy." Now it is possible to be too busy to live and thus become mere drudges. For you, dear hearts, I have written under the heading, "Busy Mothers" in a full keen sympathy for have not I known a busy life to the extreme measure, lived in comfort, met reverses, faced death, nursed the sick, my own and others, borne seven children, been expert in all domestic arts and not above the pious art of scrubbing floors on my knees, the mysteries of housecleaning and the endless maze of darning and mending? Yes, and done my own sewing, you ask? Even so, besides which I know all about actual farm life and love as well as sympathize with the brave endurance of farmer's wives. I have equal knowledge of the customs and cares peculiar to village, town and city life, I have a passion for all flowers (but greatest for pansies) and I am your friend. To you who are isolated, you who are lonely, misunderstood, ill, over-worked, I hope to bring Heartsease—just one sweet blossom each month. Tell me—have I failed?

Yes, some have responded, believing my words to the effect that even a short message would please me. And "To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved." However, it is from the young mother class the replies have come most freely, and while my heart bounds joyfully to feel my mission, the Heartsease Libraries, are and shall be a means to help many begin right, and some to think ere too late, the indifference or despair, or resignation, or being "too busy" binding their better natures in icy bands of restraint and reserve, (perhaps an idea I shall criticize your letters! Why, one good soul would not write because she wrote a poor hand!) have made the responses from my "Busy Mothers" discouragingly few.

You all realize, of course, that a magazine editor is seeking to make each page of the greatest interest to the greatest number of readers. And to do this means to write not to the most needy class always but to those who, by responding, prove a vital interest is taken in the subject treated. Sisters, many of you respond freely to personal letters in the columns of other periodicals, farm or floral, or like Vick's, treating all the interests of the Home. If my words are of too little practical value to arouse deep interest it seems to me letters written to one another, asking or giving help on domestic knots, would be sweet, comfortably gossip, and make all feel friendly.

Come sisters, tell me; do the "Busy Mother's desire a "Knots Untied" corner? Shall we help Martha and Mary bear their backache and headache by the salve of a personal friendly letter?

Let the answers pour in! Don't say "My letter will make no difference: it is but one in hundreds!" Hundreds are composed of ones like yours.

Remember!—Write letters intended for "Knots Untied" on one side of your letter to save me labor of copying. Limit yourself to one hundred and fifty words.

Now sisters, God bless you, and shall I need a special mail bag? Write today if you can, a few words at a time, about everyday things, about home, sweet home, hubby, and all the dear ones, but write.

"Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today."

If you do—be sure to write tomorrow!

### Young Mothers.

Little things worth remembering. Very long skirts bind a baby's limbs. An average baby is better off if put into true short clothes at four months. Kicking is a worthy exercise and baby instinctively delights in it.

No stiff shoes and no crocheted booties should baby use. There are moccasins of desirable kinds and these are better. Attach a gay bit to the toe to amuse baby and help him learn supple tricks.

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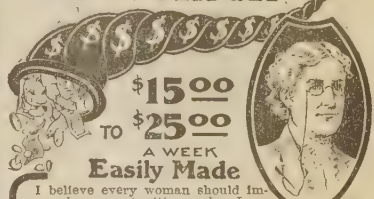
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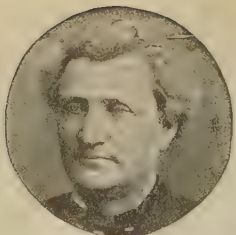
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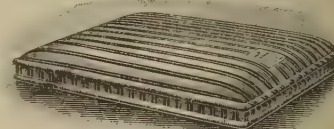


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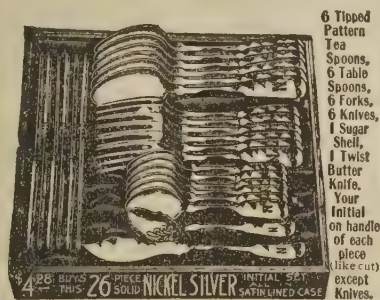
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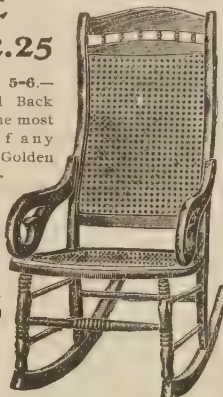
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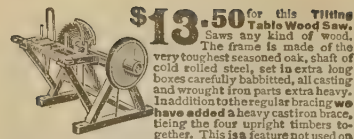
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This column will be used for the good of the great family of Vick's Magazine readers, from the standpoint of health. It will be our aim to consider rather the practical than the theoretical side of the question. First, How to get well; Second, How to keep well. We shall try to answer sensible, practical questions that are sent us along these lines. Lots of people have already learned how to keep well. I have talked with many people who showed better sense in the care of their health than do some physicians I could name. I have talked with, and examined some people who boasted of their wonderful constitutions in whom I discovered that the facts were quite to the contrary, but so simple and perfect were their rules of living that disease could not in them find a lodgment. I have seen other people with wonderful physique, perfect organs and who should always feel well and be well, who had muddy complexions, irregular habits, coated tongues and were always ailing and complaining.

I have seen people who looked so frail I wondered they kept going. But they always said when questioned, "Oh; I'm always well, nothing ever ails me," and they were so bright and happy and busy that contact with them was a privilege and a blessing. So I have wondered which is the greater blessing, a sound mind or a sound body. And I decide for the former. I know some will disagree with me, but I insist that by so far as the mind is superior to the body, by so far as the health of the former rather to be desired than the health of the latter. To some the attainment of either in this life seems impossible—Poor, poor creatures.

Of those who have sound bodies but unsound minds, (by unsound I do not mean insane but unhealthy minds,) I would still say—poor creatures. If one who has a sound mind—a healthy mind—(a healthy mind must be a happy one) of such an one, be the body what it may—I would hardly say, poor creature. But who has both—*Mens sanis in corpore sano*—is of all men most to be envied. Men say such people are rare, yet there are many of them, and better yet, the number is rapidly increasing. But best of all, I sincerely believe that for the great majority of the human race, this state is possible under proper conditions.

To attain this requires first, the desire and the will to be sound, and next the knowledge. Possessed of the former, the latter will be obtained. The means are mental and physical. Rule 1—Keep busy; I believe it extremely difficult to continue mentally or physically sound unless one is respectively mentally or physically busy. Any body or mind continuing long inactive will become diseased. Drive a big stake there for a starter, and tie to it.

The Eastern fakir who holds an arm or a leg motionless for a long time cannot use it if he would. A good mind becomes weak from inactivity. A part that is weak is accessible to disease. In that case why do those same fakirs become old and yet not die of disease? They fast. In other words, they eat only what food they need to keep life going. They keep rule two—eat only as much food as you can digest and use. Do not forget that we are discussing mind and body, and it is just as injurious to constantly stuff the mind with food it does not and cannot digest, as to so abuse the body.

People with mental indigestion are not so very uncommon. And how useless

they are. Less common are those who mercilessly work the mind without giving it food or rest, until at last it dies, as was the case with the illustrious Sir Walter Scott.

Rule three.—Cultivate a cheerful disposition. Heaven and happiness and health and activity belong together; as do hell, unhappiness, inactivity, disease and death. Unhappy and disagreeable people are mentally unhealthy and are courting disease. Most insane people are prone to do harm to themselves and to others. Of the small proportion who are harmless and happy and kind, I am firm in the belief that they have simply a disease of the brain. But this is debatable ground and I will not try to analyze the difference between brain action and mind. The materialistic school believe them to be identical. But I have seen so many insane people whose ugly symptoms were but a development and culmination of disagreeable habits of disposition and temper, that it is clear to me they have disease of mind pure and simple, for whose development they are solely responsible. These are but two classes and do not cover all cases, perhaps.

### As to Foods.

First, Mental—This is taken mainly through the eyes, by reading and observation. Partly also through the ears. All the other senses contribute, and not a little comes in through the wonderful fingers. Much is said nowadays about the education of the brains in the fingers; and educating the fingers and hands in all sorts of manual dexterity is a great aid to the proper education of the mind. The use and training of all other muscles of the body is contributory, and this latter is doubly valuable in that it exercises and helps to keep in health our bodies. The greatest contributor to mental indigestion is the growing habit among educated people of omnivorous reading. Too much reading of news papers and fiction is ruinous to the memory and mental power. Where is the remedy?

First, Read less. Second, Read only such matter as is worth reading. Read with an object, a system, a method. Read nothing in which you can find nothing worth remembering. What you find in it worth remembering, make it your business to remember. Few people have such mental strength that they can remember what they wish by simply once reading. The aids to retain this matter are,

First—Reflection. Think over what you read, sort it over and store it away where you can get at it.

Second—Talk it over. Anything you read worth remembering, tell to someone else. The more times you tell it the surer you are of keeping it.

### Body Foods and Feeding.

The body is nourished by foods, water and air. Of these we never get into the body too much air, seldom too much water; and most everybody—in America—sometimes, and some people most all the time, take in too much food. Indigestion is the commonest ailment in America. It is due to the fact that we eat, first, too fast; second, too much; third, improper foods; and fourth, the majority of those who suffer from it take too little exercise. It may be stated as a broad proposition, that a working man who takes plenty of time to eat, and chews his food thoroughly, does not have indigestion on his working days. If he is very quiet Sunday and eats as much as on other days, he gets indigestion Sunday night or Monday. The best cure for indigestion is to stop eating, drink plenty of water and take lots of exercise.

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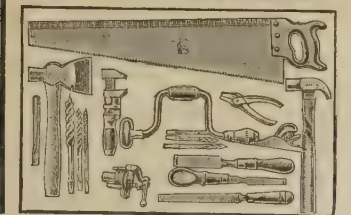
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## November and Its Duties.

Now as to our personal duties for this month, that is problematical. Jack Frost has been very indiscreet this season and left us but little time for garden work. In the greater portion of the North he, or rather his handiwork, was in evidence until late in April: nearly the last, in this section of the country. Now to have dealt fairly by us and have given us all a chance for our lives, he should have postponed his autumn visits until late in October at least, but instead he snatched the brush and painted us brown just a little after September 15. This was hardly fair for it gave us only about four months of growing season and the greater part of that was of very poor quality. However, it is needless to find fault for had we humans the making of the weather it would doubtless have been but a sorry, sorry mess after all. But it was discouraging to see crops that had cost so much labor and care cut down just as they were maturing, and thereby hangs the tale of uncertainty as to November duties. Really they were forced upon us several weeks ahead of time, and thus we are floundering about, first here, then there, trying to guess what to do first. Well, spite of all, we have had some success, and none perhaps, more marked than our

### Lima Beans.

Earlier in the season, I think I spoke of our plan of handling them, which was to set posts and run fence wire at top and bottom, and train the vines on twine strings. It is some work, of course, to start them thus, but once started they require very little after work. They bore heavily, and even after the first and second frosts cut them, we still gathered fine beans in considerable quantities. In our markets here, they sell by the quart or pound in the pods or by the quart shelled. The prices in the two former ways are three to four cents, according to the season, and in the latter way fifteen to twenty cents. They are hard to shell and little hands will not make rapid headway, so that counting labor at twelve to seventeen cents per hour, the prices paid here, it amounts to about the same whether shelled or sold in the pod. They pay very well but should be planted as early as the season will permit, in order to mature a full crop. Their habit is to set and mature near the ground first, and later the newer runners and laterals begin to blossom and set, so that in time the full grown bean, small pods and blossoms are all in evidence at one and the same time. They require rich ground for best results and thus will continue bearing for a long time.

### Melons.

Our melon crop, both water and musk, has been a fizzle the past season and for downright contrariness has broken all records. Plants started in the hot beds and transplanted to the open ground made little if any more headway than seed planted directly in the field. In ripening there has been no perceptible time gained. The planting and transplanting was done in very dry weather so that we watered the plants; but later on, they made excellent growth and set a heavy crop. The results, however, have been disappointing; the water melons growing to oversize were of poor quality and the muskmelons were little if any better. Doubtless, the weather had much to do with these conditions for the temperature for many nights together would range very near the frost line. So as a whole, after much labor and pains we could reckon our crop but little above failure.

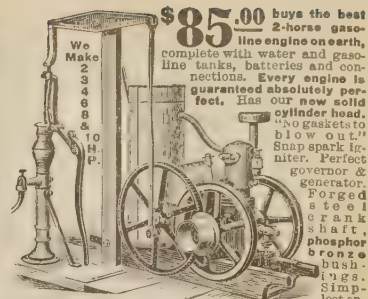
All this seems like complaining, you say. Doubtless it is in a way; but not entirely so, for I learn some lessons from it I think. What are they you ask?

Well in starting a new enterprise entirely from the foundation, there were many obstacles to overcome, and late planting of all our crops was unavoidable. Considerable of our failure was due to this, and so the lesson teaches me that all things considered, crops do best when planted in their regular season. The cold weather of spring was a serious hindrance to this, but preparing the soil was the chief difficulty and so all our crops had to go in out of season and hence in a great measure our failure was due to causes easily traced. Well we are hoping for better things next year and so are not altogether dismayed.

### November Suggestions.

The royal Indian summer we call it; and beautiful indeed are the surroundings. But we know full well that the Frost King will soon hold sway and so these hazy dreamy days withal are busy ones. The autumn stores must be gathered and sheltered safe from the cold and storms of winter, so there is little time for theorizing. If we speak of our own work now and the varied things before us that ought to be accomplished, it will very likely be but recounting the duties of many of our readers. Many of our crops are already out of harm's way for the present, but the clearing of the ground has only made more work to be done. In so far as possible, we are manuring and plowing the ground as fast as it is cleaned of crops. This we believe is the very best of practice, both for large and small gardens. If plowed under now, the manure will decompose and be much more available for the young plants in spring. Then, too, many of the root crops especially beets, carrots, parsnips, etc., do not take kindly to fresh manure, but instead are liable to grow prongy and out of shape. So with all our gardens if we can get this done during the fall it gives us a great advantage. This does not mean that the ground should not be plowed or spaded again in spring. By all means do that and turn under more manure if possible. By thorough spring working the soil and fertilizer become evenly distributed, and the food is near at hand when the plants most need it.

We have been favored this past season with entire freedom from vine pests, as the cucumber beetle, squash bug etc. We are very grateful for the favor; but do not intend to go to sleep on our arms. Instead we are careful to pull and burn all the vines, lest we entertain unwelcome visitors unawares. The safest condition for the vines is to lie in ashes, then we are sure that they will not harbor any pests for the work of destruction next year. The root crops that are to be carried through the winter in pits will require careful watching from now on. It is not safe to cover them early in the season sufficiently deep to withstand the frosts of winter. So as the cold weather approaches we shall add new covering to make sure that the frost will not find its way into the pits. Our own work will not be finished by any means when cold weather begins, for then the strawberries must be mulched and there are two acres of ground to cover. We do not like to do this until the ground is sufficiently frozen to hold a loaded wagon as we prefer to keep the surface smooth as possible. Then the spinach will require some protection; and the rhubarb roots must be dug out and prepared for the winter forcing. In this connection I want to ask how many of our readers are going to try growing rhubarb this coming winter? It is so easily handled that any family can grow a supply of it and the luxury is well worth the trouble. Next month I will have more to say of the matter, and offer the suggestion now, that the clumps or roots may be secured in time.



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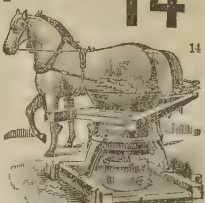
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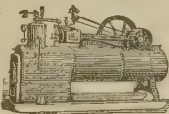


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The past summer we made arrangements with grocers to handle our goods on commission, we setting the price at which they were to be sold, then we advertised. That brought in several orders and must result in turning much trade our way during the future seasons.

Dress neatly and be courteous. If there should arise any misunderstanding be courteous still. If a customer must leave you let the leave taking be in such a way that he can return without injury to his dignity. Be on good terms with the children, particularly so if you are doing a retail business. A few boxes of fruit distributed gratuitously will not be lost. Be punctual and endeavor to have all business dealings satisfactory even if some concessions are to be made. Believe in the motto: Once a customer, always a customer, and one customer will bring others.

M. N. Edgerton in *American Agriculturist*.

### Preparing Apple Seed.

Those who raise apple seedlings by the hundreds of thousands, as many nurserymen do, purchase their seeds from the owners of cider mills. Hundreds of bushels are had in this way, says the "Practical Farmer." In addition to the home supply, fully as large a quantity of seeds is imported from France. The French seeds are supposed to come from half wild orchards, which are said to furnish fruit wholly for the manufacture of cider. It is thought this seed produces better seedlings than that had from our cider mill. Anyone wishing to grow apple seedlings for grafting or budding purposes could do so by getting out their own seed if they did not wish to buy it. Get a lot of apples in late autumn; crush them, wash out the seeds, and when cured by drying them in a shady building, place them in slightly damp soil and keep them until it is early spring, when they should be sown outdoors. The best place to keep such seeds after placing them in damp soil is in such a cool place as apples are stored. The soil must be slightly damp all the time. In climates less rigorous than those of the north, apple seeds are sometimes sown in the fall. It could be done at the north, too, but the ground sometimes freezes dry, destroying the seed. Were it not for this, it would be as well, perhaps better, sown in autumn. The plan followed with the seedlings is to dig them when winter approaches, place in cellars, with roots in sand, graft through the winter, return to sand heap and plant them out in the spring. What seedlings are not as strong as wanted for grafting are replanted in spring, and either budded in summer or taken up again in autumn for grafting. Precisely the same course is followed in the case of pears as of apples.

### Pit the Apples.

In the absence of cold storage, winter ples may be pitted and kept through

the winter. When the writer was a boy we never thought of saving apples in any other way, and we seldom failed to have apples till late in the spring. Select a high, dry place, from which the ground slopes. Level a space as large as you wish the pit to be, say from four to six feet in diameter. Make a ridge of earth around it. Cover the bottom with straw. Pile the apples in the center, constantly building from the top. The apples will roll down and form a perfect cone. If they spread out too much at the bottom, pick up and throw in, maintaining the cone shape of the pile. You may build up as high as the diameter of the base. Cover the entire pile with at least six inches of dry straw. Begin to cover at the bottom, working all around the pit, and make the cover at least six inches thick all the way up. Take the dirt from all around the pit, but never nearer than two feet from the edge. Leave a place open at the top for ventilation, merely throwing an old sack or something over it. Some put a ventilating pipe at the bottom, extending to the middle of the pit, but we have not found this necessary. If it should rain while there is still an opening in the top, it must be covered so as to exclude the water. Cover deeply before freezing weather—deep enough to exclude frost. Some put alternate layers of straw and earth, and this is not a bad plan where there is danger of heavy freezing. Finally close the ventilation and cover to a good depth on top. Drain the ditches from which the earth to cover the pit was taken.

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*American Cultivator.*

### Foreign Apple Markets.

Latest cable advices from the principal apple markets of Great Britain would indicate they are having a fairly good demand for all well conditioned parcels and sales for such are being made that give nets here in Boston from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per barrel, and for half barrel cases nets of \$1.00 to \$1.50 for Gravensteins, and other red varieties. Some of the fruit landing this week is out of condition, and selling at most irregular prices. The fruit was not fit to ship at the time, and being sent in barrels, it is a wonder it brought anything.

It must not be forgotten that in Europe they have quite a good crop of ordinary apples, and it is perfectly useless to ship anything but the very finest well selected fruit. High colored, fully developed and clean fruit is the only fruit that will do to ship this year, at least for the next two months.

*George A. Cochrane, exporter, in New England Farmer.*

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# Farm Notes

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## Spontaneous Combustion of Hay.

Fires which are reported to be caused by the spontaneous combustion of hay are by no means rare. While some of them are doubtless of an incendiary origin, others are really due to the cause assigned. Such a case is reported from the Pennsylvania Experiment Station. The fire was discovered in the haymow of the station barn. The mow was directly over the cow stable. Precautions were taken to exclude drafts and, as there was a sufficient supply of water available, the fire after a time was extinguished. The fire was confined to the central portion of the hay and a number of holes were burned through the ceiling of the cow stable. These were so situated that it apparently would have been impossible for the fire to have originated from any other cause than spontaneous combustion. A considerable part of the hay was thrown out of the mow. An examination showed that a large portion of it was so thoroughly charred that it would crumble. Some of the hay had not been subjected to so great heat and was only browned in color. However, it was unfit for stock feeding.

For several days previous to the fire a peculiar odor had been noticed about the barn and a somewhat careful examination was made to ascertain its source. The rowen in the mow was found to be heating, but no danger of fire was suspected.

## Barley as Feed for Horses.

Except on the Pacific coast, barley is not extensively used as a feed in the United States, doubtless owing to the fact that it is in such demand for brewing purposes that it is high in price. Wherever it is grown, however, it is frequently possible to secure at low cost, grain which is off color, owing to rain or fog during harvest, and which, for this or some other reason, is unfit for brewing, but valuable as feed. The barley grown on the Pacific coast is extensively used in the feeding of horses. Its use for this purpose is old in other countries. The Arabs fed their horses unground barley, and it is used successfully by the Berbers of North Africa. In Europe its value is generally recognized. Barley may be fed whole to horses having good teeth and not required to do severe work. Since ground barley, like wheat, forms a pasty mass when mixed with saliva, it is regarded as more satisfactory to crush than to grind it, if for any reason it is considered undesirable to feed the grain whole. In composition, barley resembles oats and other cereal grains quite closely. In a study at the North Dakota Experiment Station of the value of barley as a feed for work horses and mules, it was found that horses did well on barley while the mules, after a time, refused to eat it; but even the horses made better gains on oats than on barley.

## Potatoes as Feed for Live Stock.

Experiments made at the Minnesota Experiment Station have shown that while the digestibility of cooked and raw potatoes by pigs was about the same, pigs could be induced to eat larger quantities of cooked potatoes. It was calculated that a ration of fifteen pounds of potatoes and four pounds of shorts would furnish an amount of protein sufficient for maintenance, leaving a margin for growth.

On the basis of cost comparisons were made of the value of potatoes and other feeding stuffs for stock. In the investigator's opinion, with foods at the present prices, it is doubtful whether it would be profitable to feed large amounts of potatoes to dairy stock, because cows require more protein than would be supplied by a fattening ration similar in character to that mentioned above.

Potatoes can not be fed to young animals as safely as to more mature ones, since if fed in too large quantities they have a tendency to prematurely fatten the animal. With mature animals, when the object is principally the addition of fat to the body, potatoes may be fed to good advantage.

## Changes in Weight of Hay in Barn and Stack.

A considerable difference in shrinkage occurs between hay cured in dry weather and hay cured when the atmosphere is more or less moist. For this reason the shrinkage in hay in a dry climate is usually smaller than in the more humid regions. At the Kansas Experiment Station small quantities of thirteen different kinds of hay buried in the mow from four to six months shrunk 45 per cent on an average, ranging from a fourteen per cent loss to a three per cent gain. Five tons of very dry timothy hay stored in a mow for six months at the Michigan Experiment Station lost nearly seven per cent, and in another test 5,600 pounds of the same kind of hay in good condition placed in the mow July 6 had lost 776 pounds, or 13.8 per cent, by February 18 following. Practical men estimate that hay put in the mow when in good condition usually shrinks about twenty per cent by the time it is baled. The Utah Experiment Station has reported a loss of a little over fifteen per cent in a ton of timothy hay after it had been kept in the barn for nine months. A stack of timothy hay containing a little over two tons and built in the open had gained a little over one per cent during the same time. The results with clover hay at the same station show a loss of 3.75 per cent during nine months when kept in the barn and a gain of ten per cent for the same period when stacked out of doors.

## Losses of Wheat when Overripe and in Storage.

Observations on wheat at the Michigan Experiment Station have included studies on the variation in weight during storage and on the relation of the degree of ripeness to the weight of the grain. As early as 1879, Dr. R. C. Kedzie showed that wheat when allowed to become overripe, or dead ripe, as it is generally called, weighs slightly less than when harvested at the period of complete ripeness. It was also found that the amount and quality of the flour, as well as the germinating power of the grain, are reduced when the crop is allowed to stand after complete ripeness has been reached. The greatest loss, however, due to overripeness, is caused by the shelling of the grain. Certain varieties of wheat have a less tendency to shell than others, and by giving these the preference and harvesting at the proper stage of maturity, loss from this source can be reduced to a minimum. In 1898 the shrinkage of White Clawson, a soft, white wheat, and Buda-Pesth, a hard, red variety, was determined. At the time of thrashing the grain was dry and in good condition, and after having been stored for 322 days the White Clawson had lost less than a half of one per cent and the Buda-Pesth less than one-tenth of one per cent.

The loss of weight during storage was observed in an elevator in Michigan, where 1,500 bushels of wheat in a hard and dry condition was stored immediately after thrashing. After ten days a shrinkage of a little over 30 bushels, or a loss of about two per cent had occurred.

## Potatoes as Hog Feed.

Potatoes are quite largely fed to hogs, but it is found advisable to boil them. In the New England states they are fed extensively, being boiled in milk and mixed with meal in a barrel. Frequently several bushels are boiled at a time, and, when mixed with cornmeal, make an appetizing mess. The only fault to be found with this combination is that it is badly out of balance. The potatoes are rich in starch, and so is the corn. To such of our readers as are still following the old practice, we would advise the substitution of bran or of ground oats for the corn meal. This would make a fairly well balanced ration. The Canadians say that potatoes have a good effect on the quality of bacon produced. There is probably no better use to which small potatoes may be put than this.

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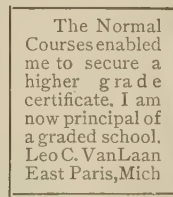
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After getting them cleaned out as thoroughly as possible take an old baking powder can, punch some small holes in the bottom, partly fill with some good insect powder and take each hen separately, hold legs up and sift the powder on her so it will go down well among the feathers and on her body. Be sure to get plenty of the powder in among the feathers about the hocks and around the vent and under the wings of the bird. Its but a short job to go over a dozen fowls. Take them in the evening, one by one from the roost carefully and replace them after treatment. Then in course of a couple of weeks repeat the operation, and, in the meantime if you have used a liquid lice killer of some kind, or even kerosene oil freely about the house, you should be rid of lice and mites so they will not interfere with the well-doing of your hens for some time to come.

I know from experience that it is not encouraging to keep a lot of poultry around all the fall and winter, buying feed for them and giving them what we think is good care and get no eggs. And right here let me say to you that it is my opinion, in more than half the cases of this kind that these insects are the cause of this disappointment in getting eggs. Nothing can be more fatal to the best results than these pestiferous little parasites. So if it is eggs you want in the early winter don't let up on these pests until you have them well underhand, and even then don't cease to be on the lookout for them, for if there are only a few left, it will be but a short time before the house will be alive with them again if not kept down.

The next important matter in getting ready for winter is the building. This need not be so expensive as has often been suggested. By the way, allow me to state that these pictures of high priced and fancy poultry houses and surroundings, which we find in some poultry journals, and especially in incubator catalogues, have done much to discourage poor people and those who are in moderate circumstances, from going into the poultry business. I know personally of many who live in villages and around cities who could keep ten or twenty fowls nicely, and some of them fifty or a hundred, but they hesitate on account of the expensive buildings which they think are necessary to success. Remember that nine-tenths of these wealthy people are not in this business for profit, if they were and had to depend on this profit for a living, many of them would fare hard. As a rule I find it is the small poultryman, the one whose limited means compels him to economize and look after the little details of the business carefully who is making the largest profit for the amount invested. It's not these fine and costly poultry houses that we must have. A building of most any kind of material that will turn rain, wind, and keep out the bitter cold will answer for a few hens. Many of us know of good accommodations being made for a dozen or so fowls, from nothing more than dry goods and piano boxes covered with some roofing paper to insure its being dry, which is very important.

If the reader desires to a keep few hens and has a little space for a run, say a yard ten by ten feet, I would not hesitate on account of a house, as a comfortable shelter for eight or ten hens can be constructed very easily and cheaply. The point now is, not to delay the work but prepare at once. There is a large loss each year to poultry keepers by not

getting ready for winter in proper season.

It's so easy to wait a few days, thinking more nice and warm weather will come later. A great many poultry houses need some "fixing up" before the long cold rains come on and are followed by a hard freeze. A little labor will render them comfortable, and comfort is necessary if the hens are profitable.

### Helps in Poultry.

Winner of the fourth prize in our late contest.

The greatest of all helps in poultry keeping is unbounded enthusiasm and in love for the work, for, if one has love for the work he is pretty sure to give the business the thought and study necessary to make it a success.

One should read a great deal upon the subject, for, in so doing he may learn of some little "kink" that may prove of much value, and, besides this there is encouragement to be had, a certain impetus to be gained by this intercourse with others.

Clean and comfortable quarters are necessary to success in poultry keeping.

The man who considers that once or twice a year cleaning out the poultry droppings is sufficient will never make a success of poultry keeping. For cleaning the roosting platform we use a board six inches wide and two feet long, which is nailed on to a hard wood stick, about three inches in diameter and two feet long, for a handle. Hard wood is best because with such a tool it takes but a few minutes each morning to keep the platform clear of droppings and the building comparatively free from offensive odors.

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We make the application just before "roosting" time when the odoriferous stuff makes it decidedly unhealthy for any lice that may be on the birds.

Clover is a very necessary article of diet for winter egg production. Clover meal, a commercial product or, in its absence, clover chaff or cut clover in the morning mash, is a most excellent thing. We also feed clover dry and it is astonishing how much of the stuff a flock of hens will consume. A good supply of mangels should be grown and stored where they are handy to get at. We feed ours by sticking them on nails that have been driven through a board at an angle, and the board then nailed on to the wall. The birds greatly enjoy this sort of fare. An occasional feed of apple peelings and cores will come in good by way of variety.

To take the place of the numerous worms and bugs which are caught by the fowls during the spring and summer months, green cut bone or animal meat of some sort should be provided. Where one is able to procure fresh green bone,

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a bone mill will pay good dividends, but in the absence of such a tool very good results may be obtained by cooking the bones and using the liquor in the "mash." The bones may then be more easily reduced with a hammer of about four or five pounds weight.

This article is not as good as the milled product but it is far better than no bone.

Plenty of water is also a very necessary part of the fare and this should never be allowed to reach the freezing point. In the winter we use as a drinking vessel an old iron kettle and the water is easily warmed by setting this on the stove. During cold weather we carry the water to them as hot as the hand will bear. Grit of some sort is another necessary part of the bill of fare. We are at present using old crockery and a "shell" limestone. These we reduce to the proper size by running them through an old five-dollar bone mill. This mill is a failure as a "bone" mill but is a success at reducing stone and crockery.

It is surprising to see what a lot of this grit the hens will consume and the thought comes to me, if the quantity they consume is necessary to their welfare, how do fowls that do not get this grit, ever manage to live?

Attention, constant care, eternal vigilance, these are the price of success in the poultry business. *M. N. Edgerton.*

#### Questions and Answers.

Mr. Editor—Kindly inform me of a good publication telling the best methods of raising ducks. Also give your opinion as to the best make of incubators.

I know no better work on duck culture than one by James Rankins, South Easton, Mass., price, I believe, twenty-five cents. I am unable to name the best make of incubator, Cyphers, Cornell, Prairie State and Pineland are all reliable machines and there are many others.

What breed is best for a city lot, and what is the greatest egg yield that can be expected from a hen in a year. First, this is a matter of fancy. The heavy breeds, like Plymouth Rocks or Brahmas are preferable to some because of their being more contented and quiet than Leghorns. Second, About 200. This is considerable above the average.

What breed or breeds do you recommend for cold country to get most eggs from? What breed for table fowl and broilers? What feed is best, coops, runs, etc.? First, For white eggs Leghorns or Minorcas. While these breeds are considered by many to be tender, if housed in dry quarters and the roosting place well protected they will prosper in very cold climate. For brown eggs, Plymouth Rocks or Rhode Island Reds. Second, Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks, or Wyandottes. Third, For flocks of twenty-five yarded hens give four pounds of mash either in morning or at night, made as follows of ground feed, corn meal six pounds, oats thirteen pounds, middlings five pounds, bran five pounds, meat meal or green cut bone eight pounds, clover meal eight pounds, moisture with skim milk or water. At noon, one quart of wheat, oats, or barley in litter, and for third meal one to one and one-half quarts of corn. The latter to be fed at night in coldest weather. The feeds should be alternated. In summer, if on free range feed less meat and clover. A good cheap house for twenty-five to thirty hens can be constructed as follows: single pitch roof, dimensions fourteen to sixteen feet long by ten feet wide, seven feet high in front and five feet in rear, four six-lighted sash ten by fourteen glass; door two and one-half feet by six feet, cover with rough boards, batten outside and line with tarred paper, roosting place three by nine feet, nests along wall, eighteen inches above floor. Dirt floor is best if kept dry, if not board or cement; runs in front or on south side, enclosed with netting four to six feet high, and 100 square feet of space for each fowl.

#### Fresh Cut Bone for Poultry.

I believe that no one questions the importance of feeding this material to poultry, whether they are being kept for eggs or meat. Experienced poultry keepers all over the country value it very highly, and really find it a necessity, yet some persons doubt its utility. With the latter I believe the great trouble has

been in its preparation. Nearly every meat market in towns large or small, has a good supply of this material, and many of the bones have more or less meat on them. Generally this stuff can be had for a very reasonable price and sometimes for the asking. It is just the kind most desired to help the growth of chickens from the age of four weeks up, and to stimulate egg production with the pullets and hens.

It will pay the farmer to have a small bone mill just to use in the fall and winter, and to grind up the dry bones on the farm. Some bone cutters are made to cut vegetables as well as bone, and being combined are very serviceable machines for the farmer. It is a great winter food and will save lots of grain, but do not over do the matter by feeding this alone, as it will ruin your flock.

Green bone has all the animal matter in it and is almost entirely digested by the hens, hence is far better than the dry bone. It is not so much what the hen eats that counts as what she digests and converts into eggs or meat.

To feed chickens intended for keeping over I find there is nothing superior to this green fresh cut bone. It makes them strong and stocky, and assists in developing all parts of the body, but care must be taken not to give too much of it to either old or young stock, and especially on the start, as it is highly concentrated and will cause bowel trouble in both chickens and hens if fed to excess. One pound for sixteen laying hens is about the rule for one feeding, or an ounce to a hen, and on the start I would not feed it oftener than twice a week, then three times weekly. I do not like to feed it to chickens until three or four weeks old and then I prefer that which is mostly bone, not much meat on it.

A small handful to a flock of forty or fifty young chickens is a great plenty on the start. Never give so much at a time that it will be left over. Feed it in clean troughs or dishes by itself.

Do not confound bone cutters with bone mills or grinders, for the latter will not work on green bone. There is a great difference in the running and cutting qualities of these machines. I have known several poultry men to become completely discouraged in this work by having a hard running unhandy cutter. Some machines do not feed good, and pack and jam the bone so it will not cut. Gristle bothers badly in some cutters, remaining in the way and clogging the feeder. I have never found a machine that would cut gristle, the knives slide over it, and it is of no value as a food and so it is useless to put it into the cutter.

Don't select a bone cutter that requires as much power to run the machine as it does to cut the bones, but do not get a cutter thinking it will run itself, for it won't. It requires power, but not near as much after you have learned how to feed and operate it properly. If you have twenty or more hens it will be a good investment, and while you are buying, you may as well get one that is intended to cut vegetables also, as long as it costs no more.

#### Barking Up the Wrong Tree.

There is nothing so pitiable to witness as misdirected effort, particularly so when the effort wrongly put forward is earnest, and of a kind that, placed in the right channel, would be productive of the best possible results. No phrase so fitly describes this condition as the homely term used in the caption of this article:—"Barking Up the Wrong Tree"—and that is just what thousands are doing every day of their lives, lives that are made pitiable and by a protracted disorder that apparently defies all efforts to eradicate it.

The trouble in such cases is that the effort is wrongly applied, that the patient continues for months and years to "bark up the wrong tree," not realizing that which he is seeking lies in an entirely different direction. Doctors diagnose the case, question as to the symptoms and treat the symptom instead of investigating for the cause, and having discovered it, taking proper steps to remove the wrong condition which makes it possible. Patent medicines, too, are placed on the market and advertised to treat the symptoms, to relieve this and that outward manifestation of an inward abnormality, while the CAUSE goes merrily on, causing more and more symptoms as time progresses, more work for the doctors and more sales for these so-called medicines.

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In working out this puzzle you can have the satisfaction that, even if you should not win one of the numerous prizes, you are being more than repaid for your work by the diversion and mental exercise resulting from the word hunt. If you should win a prize—and why not?—you could probably make good use of it. Even Uncle Sam now conducts prize drawings in the form of annual sales of dead letter treasure-trove by auction in sealed packages, and of his distribution of public lands by lot, and he recognizes that it makes people happy to get something by way of a prize. This is human nature.

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BY MRS. A. R. KNIGHT.

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3. With the name of what author is a fireman most familiar? Burns.
4. The name of which author does a deaf or inattentive person often use? Howe.
5. What author is a plural numeral? Twain.
6. What author is always almost burning? Browning.
7. What author is a small body of water? Pool.
8. What author's productions are upon our table every meal? Miller.
9. What author is a close companion of liver? Bacon.
10. What author appears upon the pedal extremity? Bunyan.
11. What author makes barrels? Cooper.
12. What author's headquarters are in the kitchen? Cooke.
13. The name of what author would you use in calling for an encore? Moore.
14. What author inhabits the highlands? Scott.
15. What author tells you to peruse literature? Reade.
16. What author may often be found in European hedges? Hawthorne.
17. What author never grows old? Young.
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## Mother's Meeting.

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help hasten the end. The wise sigh sadly "marriage is a lottery" and know the reason therefore but despair of teaching others to think. The cynic sneers "Marriage is a failure" and regardless of all causes points to the countless results and ruins.

Almost a man and almost a man—surely the days of inspiration are not over! The gentle apostle of Light and Purity, Dr. Mary Wood Allen must have felt the useless woes of humanity, so curable in youth so serious in the adult, as an unceasing burden not to be disregarded, a call to "write;" and writing she has opened a path whereby parents may give help in time. How young? Alas! you little guess how soon the soul needs the light of knowledge. Talk to your innocent children before they are seven years old. Train the mind against evil. By ten or twelve you may begin to use the twin books herein indorsed and bless their author. No wonder they are popular. The words are so kind, so plain, so sympathetic. In addition, like her other books such as that gem for mothers of wee folks—"Teaching Truth," the price is so low it stirs even would-be economists to open the purse.

"Pour thy purse into thy Brains."—Franklin.

## Little Children.

BY GEORGE B. GRIFFITH.

There was no thought in Roman law and philosophy of the sacredness of childhood. The death of a child in his cradle was to Cicero a matter of no concern. The abandonment and exposure of infants, which was a common practice in ancient Rome, was frequently near the Lactarian column, and in the Velabrum, a parish or district in the city, near Mount Aventine. Though the father often designed the death of the infant, yet some benevolent person now and then rescued a child which became afterwards distinguished. The same estimate of childhood was the characteristic tone of Greek literature. In the Hebrew faith, which was the basis of Christianity, a widely different view prevailed. The child was the heritage of the Lord. Education was prescribed and infanticide forbidden. But the advent of Christianity was the enthronement of childhood. After the manger in Bethlehem it was only natural that the Lord took little children in His arms and declared "their angels do always behold the face of God." Infant baptism, and even infant communion, appeared, in the first century. Christianity today adjusts its service and regulates its worship for little children.

The state has rights in the children. They are its only hope, its future support, defence and glory. In them are possibilities of future scholarship, statesmanship, generalship and invaluable service of every kind. What a loss to our land had the parents of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, Frances Willard or Clara Barton blighted the possibilities of their offspring! What a loss to England and the world had the possibilities in Florence Nightingale, Grace Darling or Lady Henry Somerset been thus blighted!

It may not always be easy to say how the State shall best protect the rights of the child and its own rights in the child, but of its obligations in the case there can be no doubt. God bless the little children of every land!

## A Question.

BY JEAN B. LORD.

They tell us that the Golden-rod, That peerless flower of flowers, Should not upon our country's sod Erect its sunny bowers;

Because its pollen-powdered gold, Like that in heart of roses, Will give us a tremendous cold, And irritate our noses.

If made the emblem of our land, And we all get hay-fevers, Would we be called on every hand, A nation great of sneezers?

## Summer and the Heart.

For all the wintry flakes of frost it's summer time somewhere—  
Violets in the valley, bird songs in the air;  
The chilly winds have only blown the lily's lips apart—  
It's summer in the world, my dear, and summer in the heart!

For all the gray skies glooming, it's summer in the dells—  
In the merry song of reapers, in the tinkling of the bells;  
The sweet south skies are brightening as with springtime's magic art—  
But the sweetest summer, dearest, is the summer of the heart!

Still, still the birds are singing and still the groves are green,  
And still the roses redden and the loyal lilies lean;  
Love fades not with the season; when summer days depart,  
It's summer still, my dearest, in the Eden of the heart

—F. L. Stanton.

## Important Message.

A travelling man once put up for the night at the leading hotel in a small town, and before retiring left very particular instructions to be called in time for an early train.

Early in the morning the guest was disturbed by a lively tattoo upon the door.

"Well?" he demanded, sleepily.  
"I've got an important message for you," replied the bellboy.

The guest was up in an instant, opened the door and received from the boy a large envelope. He tore it open hastily and inside found a slip of paper on which was written in large letters: "Why don't you get up?" He got up.—*Rochester Herald.*

## His Interpretation.

At a recent dinner, Collector Stranahan related the story of a gentleman from the country who visited a hotel in a town on the New York Central road, and read a notice in his room saying: "Safe in the office."

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Around me all things, stark and dumb,  
Seem praying for the snows to come.  
And for the summer's bloom and green-  
ness gone,  
With winter's sunset lights and daz-  
zling noon atone.

Along the river's summer walk,  
The withered tufts of asters nod;  
And trembles on the arid stalk  
The hoar plume of the goldenrod.  
And on a ground of sombre fir,  
And azure-studded juniper,  
The silver birch its buds of purple shows,  
And scarlet berries tell where bloomed  
the sweet wild rose.

—Selected.

## The Children's Flower Show.

BY FLORENCE BECKWITH.

The Fifth Annual Flower Show of the children of the public schools of Rochester, N. Y., under the auspices of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, was held September 16, 1904, and was even a greater success than any previous one. This year the exhibition was held in the East High School Building. The spacious dining room and a large room adjoining were given up to the display, and even then the space was not adequate and the exhibits were crowded.

It is interesting to look back to the first year of the movement for encouraging the cultivation of flowers and instilling a desire for gardening in the school children. A few figures show how this spirit of gardening has grown. At the first flower show, in 1900, about twenty-five entries were made. At this latest show there 1190 entries. In 1900 \$25.00 worth of seeds were given to children in a few grades of six schools.

In 1901 the children bought 25,000 packets of seeds. In 1904 they bought 46,020 packets.

The flowers are mostly grown by the children in their home gardens, but this year every public school sent contributions from those grown on school grounds, ranging in number from three to one hundred seventy-six exhibits.

The display of flowers as a whole was very fine. Asters predominated, as many of the early flowers were out of blossom, but marigolds, zinnias, calliopsis and nasturtiums contributed by their rich colors to the brightness of the scene, and the flowers donated for decoration by the florists and nurserymen and from the parks of the city, made an exhibition never surpassed in Rochester. Not to have seen it was to have missed a beautiful sight.

Prizes are always offered for vegetables, as well as flowers, and more were entered this year than ever before. Some fine specimens were shown and the display as a whole was very good indeed. Particularly deserving of credit were those raised on school grounds where the garden was considered public property by some of the neighbors. It is to be hoped that this spirit will be overcome, as it has been in most localities.

Crowds of people, as well as the children and teachers, attended the exhibition. The presence of "Uncle John" Spencer, of Cornell University, the popular head of the Junior Naturalist Clubs, added to the interest of the occasion and the enthusiasm of the children.

The improvement of school grounds is still going on, and one of the largest schools in the city has not only improved its grounds, but has planted shade trees along the street and made flower beds between the side sidewalk and curbstone.

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## The Household.

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marks and then washing in cold water.

The secret of having good mashed potatoes is to keep them hot while mashing and have the milk hot when added. Put into a hot dish and dot the top with bits of butter.

If you burn the top of your cake take the large grater and grate off the burned part evenly. Dust it very thoroughly and carefully to remove all of the burned particles before icing it.

Stains may be easily removed from the inside of decanters and cruets by putting into them fresh infused tea leaves direct from the teapot with a little hot water and soft soap. Shake well and rinse in clean water.

In coloring carpet rags, don't use more dye than is absolutely necessary to get the color you want. The superfluous dye rots the rags and is given off in dust that flies when the carpet is being worn and afterward when it is swept.

When a whitewashed ceiling has become blackened, apply a layer of starch and water to it with a piece of soft flannel. Allow it to dry, then brush off lightly with a brush. The blackness will have disappeared, leaving no marks whatever.

Most of the "down" pillows sold in the stores are mixtures of hens' feathers and cotton. The cotton is picked up till light and fluffy, and the feathers intermingled with it. Any woman who has hens' feathers—and what woman on the farm hasn't?—can make her own "down."

Valuable pictures in frames get dusty, and the dust is liable to settle through the back. When the picture or mirror is new, turn it face downward on the table; cut a piece of strong muslin the size of the back; saturate it with flour paste which has been boiled thirty minutes. The long cooking causes it to adhere. Paste over the back of the picture. It will soon dry. Then give it another coat of paste or paint to fill every pore of the cloth. No smoke can penetrate to the interior. Dust turns pictures yellow. They will keep clean for a decade; this will save taking the picture from the frame to clean it.

Kitchen tins may be brightened without resorting to the old-time method of scouring with sand. Boil them in strong borax water, rinse in hot water and dry, and unless they are very old and have been neglected they will look like silver. Pots and pans which have no solder about them, may be boiled in a solution of lye. This cleans them as nothing else will do, and removes the accumulations of grease and black crust which untidy cooks occasionally leave in dripping pans. A large, strong skimmer should be used in removing these pots and pans from the lye, which is very caustic and eats the skin. As each article is taken out of the lye kettle it should be dropped into a pan of hot water to rinse it off, fished out from that with the skimmer and scoured with sand or scouring soap. Lye lessens the luster of tinware, but this can be in a large measure restored by boiling it again in borax.

## Winter Bedding.

BY ELEANOR R. BARTLETT.

Of course we all know that blankets and wool comforters are the proper things, but there are some who cannot afford these and it is to the latter class that I write.

Don't buy cheap comforters! Get fifteen yards of five cent gingham or outing cloth, divide into three parts and sew the stripes together lengthwise. This will make the two sides of a good big comforter that can be tucked in well and stay tucked. Four rolls of cotton will do for the filling. Open them out and lay two on crosswise and two lengthwise of one-half of the cover already made and spread on the floor.

Have the other half rolled up so that as you unroll it you bring it over the cotton, pin the edges all even and if you have quilting frames, sew it to them and proceed to tie your comforter. It can be done on a bed or table but the frames are a great aid.

My frames are the old-fashioned sort that rest on chairs and must be rolled

from the sides. Put a knot in about every four inches each way; wool is best to tie with but cotton does very nicely. Be sure to tie them so they will not pull out. Make a square knot every time. Turn in the edges and stitch around on the machine.

## Important Message.

A travelling man once put up for the night at the leading hotel in a small town, and before retiring left very particular instructions to be called in time for an early train.

Early in the morning the guest was disturbed by a lively tattoo upon the door.

"Well?" he demanded, sleepily.  
"I've got an important message for you," replied the bellboy.

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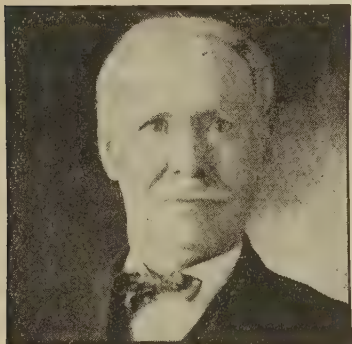
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### Thanksgiving Sunshine.

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Gentle speech and ways,  
Make a cloudy, dull Thanksgiving  
Sunniest of days.

### Thanksgiving Thoughts.

"Now is the time to forget all your cares,  
Cast every trouble away;  
Think of your blessings, remember your joys,  
Don't be afraid to be gay!  
None are too old and none are too young  
To frolic on Thanksgiving Day."

### Why?

I've noticed on Thanksgiving Day,  
With strangers or my own folks,  
That little boys can always eat  
A great deal more than grown folks,  
Of turkey or of pumpkin pie—  
Will someone please to tell me why?

### The Doll's Thanksgiving.

My beautiful dolly, Beatrice Rose,  
Broke her lovely waxen head;  
And all the other dummies cried,  
'Cause Beatrice Rose was dead.

But mamma mended her head with glue  
So now she's once more living;  
And all the dummies are so glad  
They're going to keep Thanksgiving.

### Thanksgiving.

We're thankful for the winter frost  
That made the snowflakes fall,  
For every snowball that we tossed,  
And sleds and skates and all.  
We're thankful for the flowers we found  
In May-time, long ago;  
Spring-beauty peeping from the ground,  
And bloodroot white as snow.  
We're thankful for the holidays  
That came with summer heat,  
And all the happy summer plays  
In grandma's garden sweet.  
We're thankful for the autumn's store,  
When fields are bare and gray,  
And all the year that brings once more  
Our dear Thanksgiving day.

### Thanksgiving Time.

The goldenrod and aster  
Have turned to withered seeds,  
The crickets chirp no longer  
Among the rustling weeds.  
Harvest days are over,  
Summer time is past,  
But fruit and grain from hill and plain,  
Are garnered in at last.  
Beneath the faded grasses  
The sleeping flowers hide,  
We'll gather round the fireside,  
Nor fear the cold outside.  
Harvest time is over,  
Summer's passed away,  
But far and near with merry cheer,  
We'll keep Thanksgiving Day.

### A Thanksgiving Lesson.

Fourteen little turkeys  
On a roost one night  
Gumbled that their supper  
Had been very light  
One said he was hungry,  
One was very dry,  
So they sat complaining,  
Till the sun was high.

Then there came a farmer,  
With his axe in hand,  
And he cut each head off  
Of this turkey band.  
Then said one wee turkey  
Just before he died,  
"We'd have been quite happy,  
Had we only tried."

Now my little children  
On Thanksgiving day,  
Let us not be wishing  
Things some other way,  
Give thanks for your blessings  
And to others give,  
Making people happy,  
That's the way to live.

—Inez F. Lucas.

### A Picture.

The tiny girl who recites this should stand behind a large frame. She should be dressed in Puritan costume and look as demure as possible.

In dainty gown of sober brown,  
With never a frill nor curl  
I'm nothing but a picture  
Of a little Puritan girl.  
But I hope you're glad to see me  
And I want you all to know  
That I kept that first Thanksgiving  
Long, long, long—so long ago!

### A Little Song.

(Recitation for three small boys.)

Sing a song of orchards  
Where rosy apples grow,  
Where rosy little boys like me,  
Are always glad to go.

Sing a song of mother!  
She's slicing apples sweet.  
She'll make them into dumplings round  
For little boys to eat.

Sing a song of grandma!  
She's baking apple pie.  
So brown and sweet and spicy, too;  
It smells so good. Oh, my!

"Hurrah for the tiny seed!  
Hurrah for the flower and vine!  
Hurrah for the golden pumpkin,  
Yellow, and plump, and fine!  
But better than all beginnings,  
Sure nobody can deny,  
Is the end of the whole procession,  
A glorious pumpkin pie!"

### A Little Girl's Trials.

Now, don't be calling me, Anna,  
For I sha'n't hear a word that you say:  
I am just running over with duties,  
For tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day.

There are many things must be seen to,  
There's my dummies to dress, all in style,  
And Rover to wash and to talk to  
And Annetta, she cries all the while.

Annetta's my most trying baby,  
For months she hasn't been well,  
Since the day I took her out boating  
And into the water she fell.

She must have the cold water fever,  
Or something or other like that;  
For she shrunk all away into nothing,  
And eating won't make her fat.

Perhaps the Thanksgiving turkey,  
And pudding, and apples, and jelly,  
Will be such a tempting sight for her  
That she'll eat and get hearty and well.

I must go now and look at the turkey,  
Jack said they would kill him at eight,  
So I'll put my dolls in this corner  
And meet him down by the gate.

Oh, dear, I feel bad 'bout that turkey,  
He steps round so proud and so high;  
And now when he's grown so fleshy,  
The poor fellow'll have to die.

But I guess I'll forget it tomorrow  
When he's roasted so good and so brown,  
I think he'll make the best eating  
That's ever been in this town.

Oh, there now, I hear Jack a-calling,  
Oh yes, I'm coming! Just wait!  
Now, Annetta stop crying or I'll shake you  
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## Ants That Have Farms.

In the tropics of almost all parts of the world the ant is represented by many different species, varying from tiny creatures barely visible to the eye to the mighty fighting ants and the huge termites which fear neither man nor beast, and have been known to drive even the thick-skinned rhinoceros into mad flight. Most wonderful of the tropical ants are the leaf-cutting ants, which go out daily in immense caravans and cut down the leaves of almost all plants and trees in their road. In some parts of South America the ravages of these insects have been so terrible that entire groves of coffee and quinine trees have been destroyed, and it has been found impossible to maintain mango and orange orchards in many territories once these ants appear on the scene.

For many years it was supposed that the ants carried the leaves to their big underground dwellings to serve as food; but there is a much more remarkable reason that leads the leaf-cutting ants to make their periodical forays.

The ants carry the leaves home and bite them into tiny pieces. Then they are carried down into dark parts of the habitations and there packed in dense layers. Then the packed leaves are left to ferment until certain tiny forms of fungus begin to grow in the darkness. These are watched as carefully by the ants as farmers watch crops, and as the fungus ripens, it is cut and stored away to be used as bread. The ants are inordinately fond of this fungus, and the "farms" are never without their laborers, who keep them clean and in condition to produce the best crops.

In order to keep their underground farms supplied with the necessary leaf-mould the ants often travel several miles. They make regular roads through the forest for this purpose, some of them being so perfect that travelers frequently mistake these ant-highways for trails made by the natives.

Sometimes such a road will be almost two feet wide. The ants keep it per-

fectly clean and smooth, cutting grasses and weeds down with their powerful mandibles as soon as the tiniest sprout shows above the surface.

The roads are always made as straight as if laid out with a ruler. They do not go around obstacles, but right over them. Thus, if fallen trees are in the way, the road will not turn a bit, but the ants climb over the trunk and continue their trail on the other side.

Occasionally, if they find the surface of the ground in any place to be poorly adapted for a road, they sink a shaft and dig a tunnel, making a subterranean road for themselves for a distance great enough to get beyond the faulty place.

A curious trick of the leaf-cutting ants is that most of them carry smaller ants on their backs. These little ants appear to do no work, and evidently are aristocrats, who graciously permit themselves to be taken out riding on the backs of the workers.

## Horse Knew Land was Near.

When Thomas McGuiness, a well-known horseman of Philadelphia, went to Europe some time ago, he took a blooded horse with him. The animal was in a specially prepared stall on the deck and enjoyed the trip despite the rough weather. When Mr. McGuiness thought land would soon be sighted, says the "Philadelphia Telegraph," he asked the captain how far the ship was from the Irish coast. The commander of the steamer, in his usual gruff manner, replied: "Your horse will tell you; watch him."

The owner of the animal could not understand what the captain meant, and he was not particularly pleased with the answer. Finally, however, a couple of hours before land was observed, the horse, which was a magnificent bay, poked his head through the grating, and stretching his neck, whinnied loudly. "There you are," said the captain to Mr. McGuiness, "your horse smells the land." The horse was like a different animal thereafter until the coast loomed up.

The captain, in explaining the odd occurrence, said that the thoroughbred detected the odor from the pasture lands that was wafted far seaward, and that horses on board ocean steamers always give the first signal when land is near.

Our Dumb Animals.

## Sour Milk the Elixir of Life.

According to an interview with Professor Eli Metchnikoff of the Pasteur institute, which appears in the October number of the "Pall Mall Magazine" of London, the nearest approach to the elixir of life is sour milk.

Any person desiring to attain a ripe old age is recommended by the professor to follow the example of the Bulgarians, noted for their longevity, and consume large quantities of this cheap and easily obtained beverage.

"Sour milk," states the professor, "contains a large bacillus remarkable for the great quantity of lactic acid it is capable of producing. This microbe does not exist normally in the human body and can be introduced with very great benefit to the health, as it preys on the hundreds of thousands of microbes which infest the large intestines. It has been noted that there is a great similarity between old age and disease. A study of certain diseases has proved that there is no difference between the mechanism of senile atrophy and that of atrophy caused by a microbe or poison; in fact, on the approach of old age a veritable battle is waged in the innermost part of the body."

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do not know that their heart is wrong at all. Nor is the danger in the disease alone, but because the symptoms often seem to show a trouble with some other organ, misleading both physician and patient. We have seen a vast number of sufferers who for months had been taking medicine for some SUPPOSED stomach, kidney or female trouble with no improvement, who were entirely cured with a few weeks of proper treatment of the heart, the wrong condition of which was the whole cause of the other troubles which existed as SYMPTOMS only. The heart supplies blood and life to every other organ and nerve and muscle of the body and gives them power to act. If the heart which controls them all, is wrong, they are almost certain to suffer also. This is not theory, but fact—the unchangeable law of nature! But no part of the heart is so sure to suffer in sympathy with the heart as are the NERVES. The heart action—its beat, is caused by the great heart nerves within itself. These are directly connected with the whole general nerve system.

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Of course no case has ALL of these symptoms. Some of the worst only a few. If you find but one or two, you should act promptly. Delay is dangerous! Even the least irregularity or fluttering of the heart is a serious matter. It should not be made light of. It shows the heart is weak, and heart weakness means HEART FAILURE! You may already know full well that your heart is wrong. Your trouble may have been going on for months or years and be chronic and deep-seated. But though all other remedies have failed, though some doctors may have said you can never be well again; no matter how desperately serious your case may be, or how discouraged you have become. DON'T GIVE UP, for help is here and our offer must prove to you the earnest sincerity of our belief.

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## Walter's Thanksgiving.

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to greet the cab driving through the big farm yard gate.

"Hello, boys," exclaimed Mr. Allison in his hearty manner as he greeted each of the small boys by name. "Where's Walter?" he quickly asked.

"Pa said we must all keep away from the cannon on the reunion grounds when they shot off fireworks. But Walter, he's bigger than us, and he thought he could go there when he wanted to, but some of the powder went in his face and he's been in bed with bandages for two days," piped one of the smaller lads.

"Here's a present for you," smiled Mrs. Allison as she gave a book to one, some tropical nuts to another, a coat to a third and some cakes of figs to the smaller one. "She's jolly!" agreed the boys as they shared their gifts with each other and watched their uncle and aunt enter the door. "Hi, but won't Walter wish he had listened to pa!" laughed one of the boys exultantly.

All the family were at the supper table that evening, and only a few scratches on Walter's face remained to embarrass him. He could scarcely eat so interested did he become in the wonderful things that his uncle had to tell.

As he rose from the table his mother exclaimed, "Walter, you are to keep away from Mr. Burleigh's river traps. He told me that you had been meddling with them again." "I'll not get hurt," he replied with an air of independence as he shuffled out of the door. "You won't, if you keep away," replied his father. "If you have any time, you had better put it on your numbers. Your teacher tells me you are behind."

Sometime later Mr. Allison took his brother around the place to see his vineyards. As they were sampling some of the Delaware clusters, Walter came hurrying across lots, holding something in his hand. His father overtook him. "Walter," exclaimed he in consternation, as he saw his middle finger bleeding profusely and almost severed.

"Let me be your surgeon," smiled Uncle Harvey sympathetically coming to the rescue as he stripped his handkerchief and carefully bound it up.

A day or so before the visitors were to return, Uncle Harvey ordered a horse and wagon to drive the boys over to Walnut Grove where an abundance of all kinds of nuts were waiting for eager fingers. As it was fifteen miles, it was the only chance the boys would have to go during the season. All anticipated a splendid time. The fleet-footed ponies were at the door. Walter was proud holding the reins, waiting for the boys and Uncle Harvey to bring the lunch box. He was slapping the reins vigorously on the backs of the animals when his father came to the door saying, "Hold the reins quiet, Walter. They are colts and you might frighten them." No sooner had his father gone than he let the reins fly as before, saying to himself: "No danger. Just as soon as they went to start they'd find me behind them." A sudden flurry of tails, a mischievous whinney and suddenly Walter saw posts, fences, trees rushing past him so fast that he became utterly bewildered. The horses ran toward the track just as a freight came thundering down, and they were so frightened that the wagon was overturned. After a long struggle the ponies freed themselves from the harness and started toward a barbed wire fence. Fortunately, Mr. Allison had saddled a roadster and came just in time to rescue the animals. Of course, the nutting excursion was postponed and nothing was said about adopting any of the boys. Walter limped around for nearly a month.

"Pretty hard, my boy," smiled Uncle Harvey, "but if you'll study hard and pass your grade this fall, I'll send you a car ticket for Thanksgiving dinner at our home." The boy's eyes shone; "providing," added his uncle, that your father and mother write me saying that you have learned to obey at home."

"It's so hard," stammered the boy, "but you're so kind I'll try." His Uncle said gravely, laying his hand on his shoulder, "It's the only way to success."

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Or make a bed for a hunter-man.

Sometimes a snake or a mouse we see,  
Or a toad hops out from the leaves at me.  
And Nellie runs from the snakes, but I  
Am a boy, so I watch them wriggling by;  
I never chase them with stick or stone,  
Only watch them and leave them alone.

I wish that the leaves would always stay  
Down under the trees where we could  
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We will not rake them in heaps to burn  
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A dreamy, brooding silence wraps the earth, As wraps the purple haze the distant hills; The joyous melody of birds has ceased, But nature's undertone the silence thrills. And still the blue of summer tints the sky,

Though wary birds take wing and southward fly. How softly now the mellow sunlight falls As if the blessings on the waning year; Not with the fervid heats of glowing June,

But with a chastened radiance far more dear; As still we hold more precious than the rose Its fragrant memory when the blossom goes.

O rare brief season, thou hast all the charm Of summer's gladness blent with thine own peace. How like thou art to beautiful old age—The restful calm where active labors cease;

And, pausing on life's threshold ere he leaves, One sees heaven's sunlight smiling on his sheaves.

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## Speeds of the World.

A European engineer, Joseph Olshausen, began about fifteen years ago to measure the speeds of all creatures that he could study, and as a result he has collected a remarkable array of facts, each one based on absolute experiment, to show just how fast or slow hundreds of animals are.

He has found that man can attain remarkable speeds, but only by the use of artificial aids. A good pedestrians' speed over good roads, he says, is six-tenths of a mile in twelve minutes. The German soldier covers a little more than three miles an hour during an ordinary march that does not last too long. But after an eight days' march the distance covered in a whole day is only eighteen and three-fourths miles.

In quickstep, however, the same soldiers have covered five miles an hour.

In athletics the best speed recorded by the investigator was the initial velocity acquired by a broad jumper, who took the jump with a speed that carried him at the rate of 393 inches in a second.

Skaters average from nine to ten yards a second, while runners on skids have made as much as twenty-four yards in the same time, and the jump on skids has developed almost forty yards velocity in a second.

Iceboats skim over the ice at velocities that have reached thirty-six yards a second, or more than a mile a minute.

The fastest record on a bicycle is sixty-six feet a second.

The horse can gallop six miles in an hour for a considerable length of time. The swiftest dog in the world, the borzoi, or Russian wolf hound, has made record runs that show speed of seventy-five feet in a second for a limited distance, while the gazelle has shown speed of more than eighty feet a second, which would give her a speed of 4,800 feet in a minute if she could keep it up for that distance.

The gazelle, however, swift as she is, is not as swift as the ostrich, for that homely but swift bird can run ninety-eight feet in a second when he really gets down to it. But then he helps himself along with his wings, which may not be of much use for flying, but are exceedingly helpful in running.

The whale, struck by a harpoon and sounding in terror, has been known to dive at the rate of 300 yards in a minute.

The Virginia rainpiper has made measured flights of 7,500 yards a minute, and

the European swallow had attained speeds of more than 8,000 yards.

A species of falcon, known as the wandering falcon, flies from North Africa to Northern Germany in one unbroken flight, making the distance in eleven hours.

The slowest creatures are snails and certain small beetles. Some of them habitually move only a foot or two in an hour; but part of this slowness is due to the fact that they remain motionless at intervals. By measuring the distances covered by snails when they were kept going constantly, it has been found that the maximum speed of a good healthy snail is five and one-half feet an hour.

The ladybug is a perfect race horse compared with this, for it climbs a blade of grass at the rate of almost two inches in a second, or nearly ten feet a minute.

None of the speeds made for any length of time compare with the speeds that are held for a second or a fraction of a second by some small creatures. Thus a jumping mouse found in the African deserts leaps through the air at the rate of 800 feet in a second. Of course she clears only about ten feet in a jump for any great length of time.

Still quicker than this desert mouse is the common flea, which jumps from an initial velocity of 850 feet in a second. If the flea could keep this speed up steadily, without stopping once, it would cover almost ten miles in a minute.

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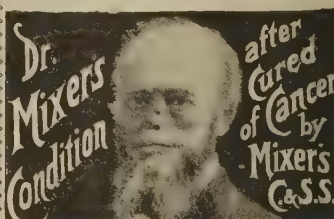
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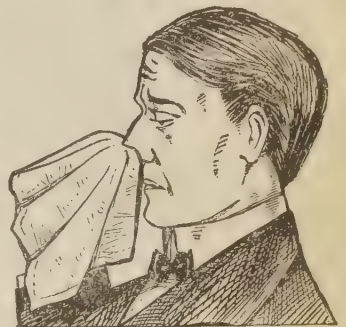
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# The Apotheosis of Editha.

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the leading woman of a country town, who has fed on her own prejudices and self-approbation, and so shrivelled up that she had no appreciation for that individual who did not measure up to her narrow standard—a standard which would have been vastly different if she had been out in the world more, and had the arrogance of her nature toned down, by coming in touch with people who had little interest and less reverence for the name of Van Brunt.

She reflected uneasily that what she did must be done promptly, since Editha had said that they would marry as soon as his appointment was secured. Miss Sally did not for a moment doubt that he would get the appointment. She had watched the career of the overseer's son with cynical interest, and it seemed to her that he always got what he set his heart upon, but Editha? No indeed he should not have Editha!

The outcome of the night's vigil was that she drove into Pennitton the next morning, and very erect and determined, executed the first mortgage which had ever encumbered the lands of Willow-wood plantation. Her old lawyer looked at her in amazement, when she told him she was in desperate need of money, and that this was the only way she could take to get it. He did her bidding, but when it was all arranged, he could not forbear to question her as delicately as he could. Miss Sally turned upon him indignantly.

"You speak as though you think I am crazy. Well I must admit—" he began, but she interrupted him firmly.

"I am as sound of mind as you, or anybody else, Mr. Alcott, but I may as well tell you, since you are undoubtedly interested, that Editha is acting in a way that looks very much like mental aberration. It is for this that I need money, since in the hope of restoring her to her senses, I shall give her an entire change of scene and air. The peculiarity she shows never cropped out in our side of the house before, and I feel sure that she must have inherited it from the Lancasters."

Mr. Alcott laughed long and loud, when Miss Sally had disappeared down the street, her iron grey curls wigwagging with the motion of the low pony phaeton. He needed no more explicit information, for the whole village knew already what Miss Sally had been so slow to learn.

"I'll bet it will be a pretty fight," said the old man to himself, "if Editha makes up her mind to marry George—and it wouldn't be such a bad thing for her to do—all the Miss Sallies, and all the scenery on God's earth will not change her," and pausing a moment in reflection over his own words, he concluded, "I say if she makes up her mind!"

The days that immediately ensued were full of an unwonted bustle at Willow-wood. A dressmaker and her assistant were there from the nearest city, and shining lengths of silk and satin, fine soft cloths, furs, webs of lace, and piles of dainty lingerie engaged Editha's attention. Miss Sally had announced that they were to accept an oft repeated invitation, and spend the winter as the guests of an old friend of her father's in the gay southern city of Oldenburg.

"I cannot imagine where all this money is coming from," George's sweet heart confided to him. "She hates debt worse than almost anything in the world, and the reason we have never accepted that invitation before was because we could not afford the necessary outlay. It is a reckless waste, if she is doing it all to get my thoughts drawn away from you, though."

He had rewarded the pretty naivete of the speech in the way it deserved, but all the while there was a miserable fear gnawing at his heart.

The old lady had bided wisely, for in spite of her earnest declarations of unwavering allegiance, Editha was too young and light of heart to resist the charm of the beautiful clothes that were being made ready for her. She was delighted, and the finishing touch to her aunt's plans for dazzling her, was when Miss Sally brought out the family jewels on the evening before they were to go

away—jewels that had long lain hidden in the bank at Pennitton, because there was no one to wear them, and no occasion where they would have been in good taste. They were a few fine diamonds in old-fashioned settings, a string of pearls, some rubies, and the most exquisite cameos, in quaint brooches bracelets and pendants. Editha had never seen them before, and she almost held her breath, as she drew them through her fingers, listening to Miss Sally's history of each in turn.

The diamonds were my great-great grandmother's, the Lady Sarah Van Brunt—this one in the center was given her husband, by King James himself. This string of pearls was your great uncle Ade's Van Brunt's wedding gift to his bride, the Aunt Editha, for whom you are named. I do not suppose you will care to wear the cameos—Miss Peterson says they are no longer fashionable, but I thought I would show them to you. They are very old, and I do not know how they first came into the family, but you will never see finer ones."

"Indeed, I will wear them," cried the girl in delight, holding the brooch up in front of her to look more closely at its exquisite carving and its delicate tones of white and creamy pink, "I'll make them the fashion!"

During all this time of preparation, no word had been spoken between the two of George Collier. Editha, with no attempt at concealment kept daily tryst with him, and Miss Sally only hastened the dressmaking obviously. Tonight however, with the glamour of the long treasured jewels casting a spell over her, and the sounds of noble names humming in her ears, Editha thought uncomfortably for the first time, of old Mr. Collier in his broad hat, and rough clothes, and a hateful vision rose before her, of Mrs. Collier toothless and homely, pulling away at a pipe, with a calico bonnet drawn down over her face, as she sat hunched over in the chimney corner. It was quite useless for her to recall to herself the splendid physique of her lover, and the noble traits he had shown from his boyhood. He was in distinct eclipse, and when Editha fell at last into a restless unrefreshing sleep, her last waking thought was a mixture of self-scorn and satisfaction, that their departure had been fixed for so early an hour in the morning, that she would be scarcely likely to see George while in such a disloyal state of mind.

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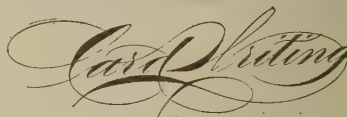


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Miss Sally to alight, followed her into the depot, and looked after her comfort, quite as though it were a matter of course that he should show this attention to the haughty old lady whose acceptance of it all was polite, though icy. His quiet assurance restored Editha's poise, and she forgot all her fears of the night before, as she sat talking to him, until he reminded her, himself. "Editha," he said gravely, "I have been thinking a good deal about this separation. I resented it at first, and I do not deny that I dread its effects, but Miss Sally is right in taking you out into the world, dear, though her motives are in the nature of a personal attack upon myself."

They were sitting apart, and there was no one to overhear, for Miss Sally had promptly turned her back on them as soon as they drew aside. Editha pulled nervously at the bunch of pink roses she had gathered from beside the door of Willow-wood, and was of half a mind to unbosom herself of her doubts, even of her disloyalty, to this strong young lover, trusting him to understand and set them all aright—he seemed such a personation of mastery, now that he was before her. Her strong conviction was that she ought to be woman enough to overlook the objectionable things about his family, since there was nothing morally wrong, and he so entirely what she thought a man ought to be, but she was a girl in years, and longed for her little journey into the world, and she told herself that she was strong enough to come back loyal to her lover.

"One thing I have made up my mind to, Editha," he continued. "I have loved you ever since you were a baby with dimpled laughing face, and the ribbons—do you remember the blue ribbons you used to wear in your hair?" She nodded smiling.

"I have loved you all this time, as you are very well aware, and I have never considered a future apart from you, since I have been old enough to take serious thought, but if there, in that new life into which you are going, some one else can better fill the place which I claim in your heart, I will step down and out, without a word, for your happiness is dearer to me than is my own, and I trust both in your hands, but listen now—I know Miss Sally pretty well, and she has her heart set on your making a brilliant match. If she brings you to her way of thinking, and you decide to marry for anything else than love, I shall find it out, surely,—and as surely prevent it!"

This was the phrase which most attracted her in him, so she did not resent the assurance of his speech. On the contrary she laughed up into the grave young face bent down to hers.

"Why are you so sure you can do it?" she asked saucily.

"Because I shall make a point of bringing it to pass," he replied. "You are a very positive person," Editha said rather soberly, "but in this, you will not need to exercise your authority. I am coming back to you of my own free will and accord, as soon as I have shown Aunt Sally that I can resist the temptations she is trying to set before me."

The train rumbled in, and after helping to settle them in their section, he insisted on shaking hands with Miss Sally, and then to that old lady's utter scandalization, he bent over, and taking Editha's face in both his hands, he gave one long look into the brown depths of her eyes, and kissed her full on the scarlet lips. Lifting his hat he left them.

Editha laughing, and yet with tears trembling on her lashes turned to receive Miss Sally's outpouring, but she was almost speechless with anger.

"The impudent rascal!" she ejaculated at last. "Right before my eyes!" "Now don't have a fit," counseled Editha, "it will not do one bit of good Aunt Sally. George has the right to kiss me on such occasions as this," and with a twinkle of mischief, she concluded, holding up a magazine to half cover her face, "and I—I like it!"

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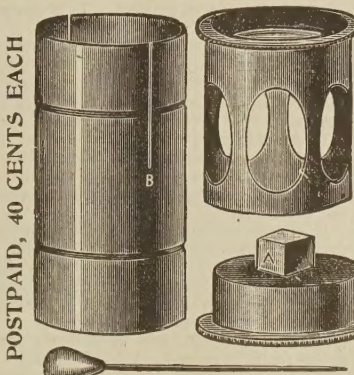
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BY MRS. R. E. TRICE.

I stood in the chill of a November breeze,  
 As the last rays of sunlight tinted the trees,  
 And I gazed on the elm tree—the pride of the lawn  
 Its branches all broken, its leaves almost gone,  
 And I murmured aloud—with a feeling of grief,  
 "Scarcely a leaf left—scarcely a leaf."

The merciless winds, 'neath autumn's blue sky,  
 Have scattered the leaves from their refuge on high,  
 And all uncomplaining they fall by the way,  
 As all earth's productions must fade and decay.  
 And I think that they fall with a sigh of relief,  
 "Scarcely a leaf left—scarcely a leaf."

Our friends are like leaves, slowly drifting away,  
 Not all gone at once, but a few day by day,  
 And I think as we stand on Eternity's dawn,  
 We'll be anxious to go as the others have gone,  
 As we sigh with pulsations of joy and of grief,  
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## Things Worth Knowing.

BY LILLIAN BROWN.

That prunes soaked and chopped make a nice addition to a fruit cake.  
 That in sick rooms a few drops of essence of peppermint makes a pleasant disinfectant.

That anyone suffering from chilblains may find relief by painting the affected places with iodine.

That an agreeable change from an ordinary bread pudding is made by adding sections of tart apples.

That when a pen fails to shed ink properly it can sometimes be made to do good service by thrusting it into a cork.

That to leave a courteously written letter unanswered is as much of a rudeness as to fail in answering a verbal query.

That kid boots or shoes which have become hard and dry from moisture, may be softened by rubbing well with vaseline.

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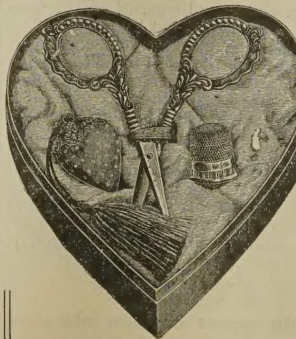
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BY PHOEBE CARY.

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O women, sinking with despair,  
Weary of limb and faint of heart,  
Forget your years today and come  
As children back to childhood's home.

Go sit beside the hearth again,  
Whose circle once was glad and gay;  
And if, from out the precious chain,  
Some shining links have dropped away,  
Then guard with tender heart and hand  
The remnant of thy household band.

Draw near the board with plenty spread,  
And if, in the accustomed place,  
You see the father's reverend head,  
Or mother's patient loving face,  
Whate'er your life may have of ill,  
Thank God that these are left you still.

And though where home has been you stand  
Today in alien loneliness;  
Though you may clasp no brothers' hand,  
And claim no sister's tender kiss;  
Though with no friend nor lover nigh,  
The past is all your company.

Thank God for friends your life has known,  
For every dear, departed day;  
The blessed past is safe alone—  
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For us the treasures that we love.

# The Small Man on the Farm.

BY ELEANOR R. BARTLETT.

Don't begin as soon as frost comes, to keep the little man in the house. If you do, look out for croup all winter. Put on extra clothes and let him out. Our boy will be six years old in February and he has never had the croup and but very few bad colds.

Put flannel underwear on early, then when it is cold have him wear a coat. Put on a heavier one later and in the coldest weather of the winter use two coats. When snow comes put on good foot wear; I like a large pair of stockings to pull on over the shoes, then over shoes and leggings. Then I am sure no snow will get into the shoes to wet the little feet, and there is a great deal of warmth in the extra pair of stockings. A pair of new overalls large enough to put on outside the leggings are a great protection to the other clothing, and also keep lots of wind, from about the little fat legs.

A hood is much better than a cap and muffler for a small boy playing about the farm yards.

Get leather mittens for the little hands and sew them to a string long enough to pass across the shoulders and extend below the sleeves, so he can't lay them down and lose them. The wind will go through a knitted mitten, no matter how well it is made.

Don't clothe a child too warmly at night. It makes them more susceptible to cold during the day, and let them out a little while every day, even if it is not more than half an hour.

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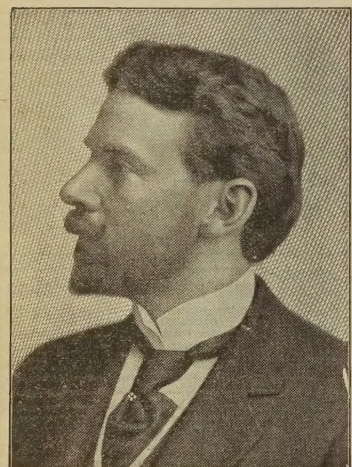
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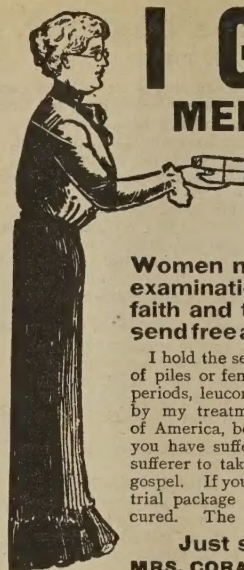
Her future husband's face therein  
She hoped to see, I knew,  
And so I tiptoed up behind  
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One timid glance, and then she saw  
My face, and with a cry  
She turned. I caught her close and said:  
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